

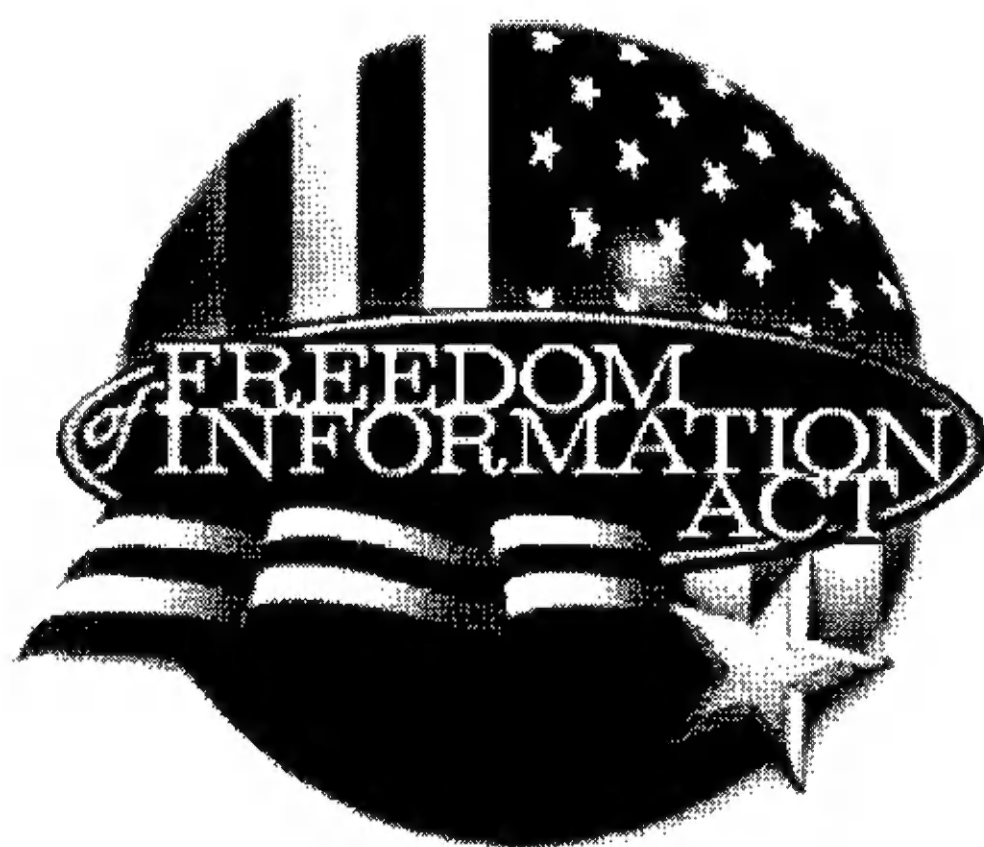
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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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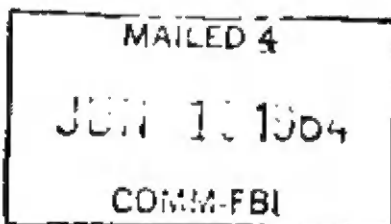
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your note of June 14th, with enclosure,  
was received in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city.  
You may be certain your communication will be brought  
to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary



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NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a leaflet regarding Martin Luther King, and he asked if the information contained therein is true. Correspondent has written to the Bureau several times since 1958 and has furnished confidential information concerning various individuals. [REDACTED] per prior correspondence.

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F.B.I-DIRECTOR: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover-WASH. D.C. 6-14-1964.  
Honorable Sir:-

Inre, personal inquiry? is enclosed information? true?  
if so, may I, request an Authentic - Clarified -  
Verification. Thank you. Appreciating your  
early acknowledgment (Mr. J. E. Hoover.) May  
"God" bless you, "sir" and all of your sincere  
devoted. F.B.I. Agents, throughout USA. Much obliged,  
re:- foremention comments. In this friendly respect.  
I beg to remain. Yours Truly, [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois (60622)  
Cook - County. Age 58

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FBI DIRECTOR. Mr. J. Edgar. Hoover-WASH. D.C. 6-14-64.  
Honorable Sir:-

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If so, may I, request an Authentic - clarified - verification.  
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(Mr. J. E. Hoover.) May "God" bless you, "sir" and all  
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CITIZENS OF CHICAGO: Will do Park Dist. Commissioners Col. Jacob Arvey, J. H. Levin, Jos. L. Gill, Wm. L. McBridge, J. H. Gately give Sold's Field FREE to the Urban League, Church Federation, B'nai B'rith, Chicago Inter-racial Council to hear Rev. King?

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THE AUGUSTA COURIER, JULY 8, 1963 (Augusta, Georgia)

# MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



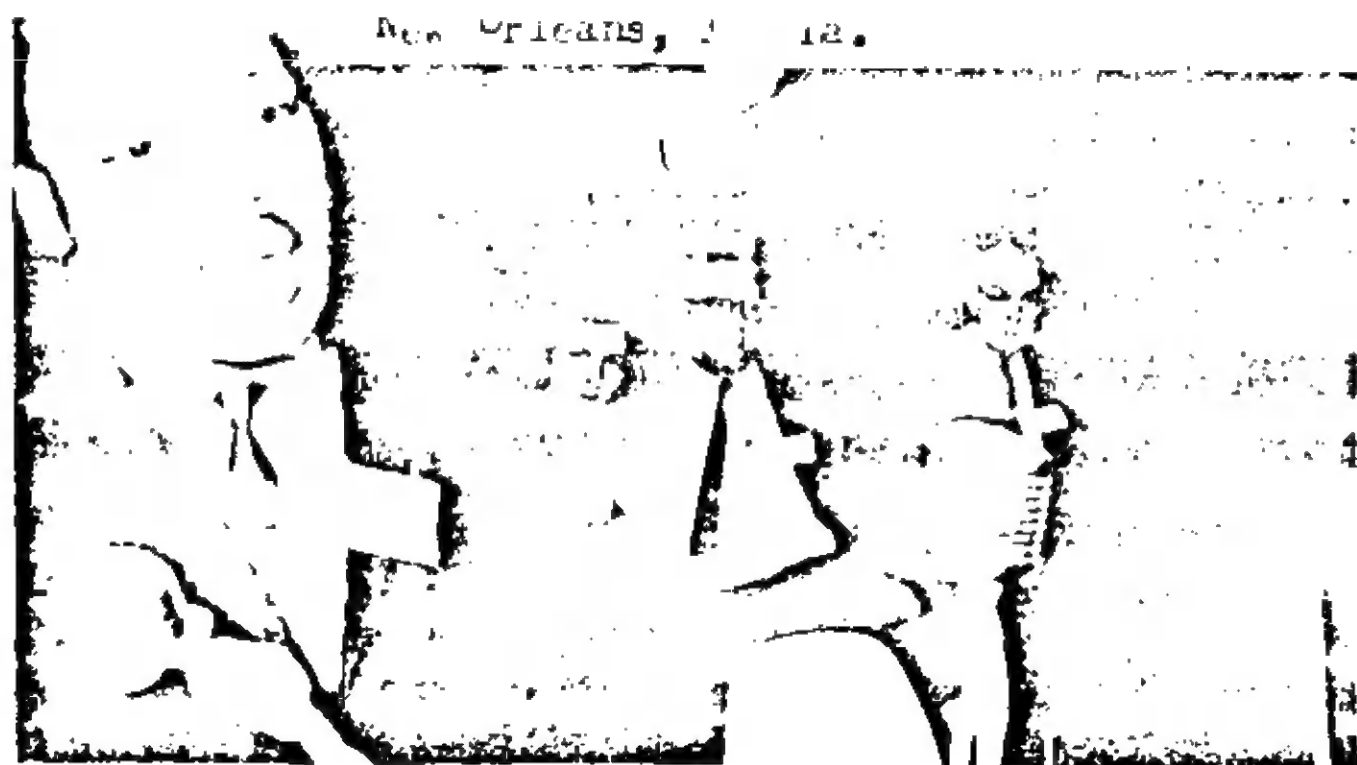
The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."





to the Communist, Anne and Carl Braden and James E. Dombrowski, were among the principal speakers, along with Martin Luther King, at the Sixth Annual Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference at Birmingham, Alabama on September 25-28, 1962. In James Dombrowski's handwriting we note: "M. L. King, Jr., responding to Anne Braden's speech. In background, AB (Anne Braden), Carl Braden, JAB (James A. Dombrowski). The figures 8870 are evidently the State's document number, indicating the extent of the evidence found in Dombrowski's files. Anne and Carl Braden are identified Communists. Carl Braden was convicted of sedition under Kentucky laws, and is the publisher of the official newspaper of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, 'The Southern Patriot.'"

Although Martin Luther King, Jr., piously claims no Red connections, the above picture may be well worth a thousand words of refutation of King's claims.

Not strangely since the records of the SCEF have been in the possession of the Louisiana authorities, racial agitation in the South has been reduced considerably. Responsible authorities informed THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN that the SCEF was probably one of the key centers for dissemination of literature connected with the various public demonstrations in which Martin Luther King has been a key figure.

FBI Dir. Hoover told Congress 4/22/64: "The Communist Party is attempting to use the Negro movement, as it does everything else, to promote its own interest rather than the welfare of those to whom it directs its agitation & propaganda; (and) to exploit the militant forces of the Negro civil-rights movement. The old Communist principle still holds: 'Communism must be built with non-Communist hands.' We do know that the Communist influence does exist in the Negro movement & it is this influence which is vitally important. It can be the means through which large masses are caused to lose perspective on the issues involved and, without realizing it, succumb to the party's propaganda lures." Mr. Hoover wrote: 10/24/60: "If a Minister can be influenced to keep silent about the dangers of Communism, the party has gained." (Christianity Today)

## Now What Was That About No Red Connections, Martin Luther King?

BY KENT COURTNEY, PUBLISHER

The Communist Party, U.S.A., has been put on the defensive in New Orleans as the result of the operation of the Louisiana Subversive Control Law.

Readers will recall that in the last issue of THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN we carried a feature story concerning the raid made on October 4 by Louisiana State Police on the headquarters of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

The SCEF has been officially labeled as a Communist-front organization by two Congressional committees, and James A. Dombrowski, the Executive Director of the SCEF, was identified as a Communist before the Senate Sub-committee on Internal Security on March 18, 1954.

The raid on SCEF headquarters obtained for the State of Louisiana evidence concerning the activities of this Communist-

front organization.

The material collected was first transported to a State Police warehouse in Baton Rouge. However, legal possession was transferred to the Senate Committee on Internal Security when the evidence was subpoenaed by Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi, Chairman of

the Subcommittee.

Dombrowski, acting for the SCEF, has attempted to regain possession of his files and records in both State and Federal Courts. He has entered suits to obtain injunctions preventing the copying of the evidence by the State Police and the Senate Committee.

Fortunately, the State Police and the investigators of the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities and the staff of the Senate Committee on Internal Security have had ample time, since October 4, to go through the evidence and make copies of pertinent portions.

The Louisiana anti-Communist committee held a hearing on November 8th, in which certain evidence was made part of the public domain. Below is the first publication of this particular evidence.

Above is shown Martin Luther King, the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference which has been in the forefront in racial and civil rights agitation, not only throughout the South but the nation. Below the photo is a reproduction of

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distributed as a patriotic public service by: AMERICAN YOUTH MOVEMENT, 407 S. Dearborn St. Chicago 5, Ill. (Room 916), Nicholas Burczyk, Chairman (Contributions needed).

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Date: 6/17/64

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
IS-C  
(OO: NY)

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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above; three copies are enclosed for Atlanta; two copies for Newark; two copies for Chicago; two for Miami.

The source who furnished the information in the letterhead memorandum was [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

- 6 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 8) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
  - (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
  - (1 - 100-3-104-34) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM)
- 3 - Atlanta (100-6520) (Encls. 3) (Info) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
  - (1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2 - Newark (100- ) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (Encls. 2) (RM)
  - (1 - 100- ) (COMINFIL SCLC)
- 2 - Chicago (100- ) (CHAUNCEY ESCRIDGE) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Miami (100- ) (HENRY ARRINGTON) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY A. WACHTEL)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-129802) (CPUSA-COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM) (42)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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LEADS:

NEWARK

Will attempt to locate the article in the "Telegram", mentioned in the letterhead memorandum, and furnish same to Bureau.

CHICAGO

Will attempt to identify CHAUNCEY ESCRIDGE.

MIAMI

Will attempt to identify HENRY ARRINGTON.

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SAC, New York (100-151846)

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
RACIAL QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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1 - Mr. Deady  
1 - Mr. Forsyth  
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ReBulet to New York and Atlanta 5/27/64, which made reference to prior correspondence concerning the fact that Hunter Pitts O'Dell had earlier this year prepared the draft of a letter which was planned to be sent out over the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) mailing list and was to be signed by Martin Luther King, Jr. Subsequently, the New York Office was able to obtain a copy of the letter which was sent out on the letterhead of the SCLC and bearing the purported signature of King. On comparison it was found that the wording was very close to that of the O'Dell draft.

To date our efforts to positively establish the purported signature of King on the letter as his have been unsuccessful because the original of the letter is not available. Those copies that were mailed, some of which were obtained for examination, were found to be photocopies and, therefore, not susceptible to a positive finding by the Bureau Laboratory. In this connection attention is drawn to the Bureau Laboratory report of 6/12/64 submitted to Atlanta, copies to New York.

As there is a likelihood that the Bureau may never be able to obtain an original of the letter for the purpose of effecting a positive handwriting identification it is now desired that all the facts relating to this matter be drawn together in a single letterhead memorandum (LHM).

New York is instructed to review all its correspondence relating to the preparation of the original draft by O'Dell; all the negotiations leading up to that letter; and its comparison of the original draft with the final version which reveals that the letter bears the purported signature of King.

2 - Atlanta (100-6520) (Personal attention)

- 1 - 100-358916 (Hunter Pitts O'Dell)
- ① - 100-100070 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
- 1 - 100-438794 (COMMINT SCLC)

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Letter to New York  
Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
HIGHER QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IN RACIAL MATTERS  
(100-3-116)

For the further assistance of the New York Office attention is directed to the Spring, 1964, issue of "Freedomways" which contains an article on pages 185 and 189, "Aid the Albany, Georgia, Movement." Toward the end of this article it is stated that King, in a nationwide appeal to all Americans of good will, states -- there is then set out an exact quote from the letter which was sent out on the SCLC letterhead. This information should be included in the LHM.

In the event that the Atlanta Office has any additional information not known to New York and relating to the letter in question such information should be furnished New York for its assistance in preparing the LHM. The purpose of the LHM, of course, will be to have consolidated into a single document for dissemination all available facts showing a continued dependence of King on O'Dell and the continued efforts of O'Dell on behalf of the SCLC.

Both receiving offices should remain alert to the possibility of obtaining the original of the letter in question so that at some later date we may be able to arrive at a positive handwriting identification.

FBI

Date: 6/29/64

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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DATE 12-26-79 BY 9803 RDD/LMK

ReBulet to NY, 6/19/64.

As requested by relet, there are enclosed for the Bureau, 10 copies of the photograph taken of MARTIN LUTHER KING, STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES, taken on November 20, 1955, at the International Hotel. In this photograph, LEVISON is shown at the left carrying papers, KING in the middle, and JONES on the right.

There also are enclosed 10 copies of a photograph of these three taken on 2/7/64, outside the entrance to the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City. LEVISON is again on the left, KING in the center and JONES at the right.

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RE:           BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
              (U.S.D.C., D.C.)   CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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6/11/64. Re New York airtel to Bureau and enclosed LHM, dated

Referenced airtel and LHM dated 6/11/64, contain information concerning a meeting which is scheduled to be held at HARRY WACHTEL's office, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York City, at 2:00 PM. Those who are scheduled to attend this meeting are: RALPH HELSTEIN, LARRY REDDICK, BAYARD RUSTIN, CLARENCE JONES, CLEVELAND ROBINSON, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and a few others.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-116) (RM)  
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Baltimore will keep NYO advised of the travel plans of LAWRENCE REDDICK and will also furnish a current characterization of REDDICK.

Chicago will keep NYO advised of the travel plans of RALPH HELSTEIN and will furnish a current characterization of HELSTEIN.

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Via A I R T E L  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35427) ~~(RUC)~~

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
Bufile 100-106670

Re Atlanta teletype, 6/1/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Springfield, Mass., on 6/14/64. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are directed to Atlanta as Office of Origin.

- 6 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 13)  
    (3 - 100-3-116)  
    (3 - 100-106670)  
2 - Atlanta (RM) (Encl. 2)  
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Enclosed also for the Bureau are copies of articles relating to the commencement exercises with the misstatements to which [REDACTED] and Springfield College have filed a protest.

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No information concerning CP, USA interest or involvement in KING's appearance has been reported to this office.

Interview of [REDACTED] was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts  
June 17, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, advised that Martin Luther King, Jr. was one of four honorary degree recipients at the 78th annual Springfield College commencement held on June 14, 1964. Reverend King, awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, was the principal speaker and reaffirmed his opposition to violence.

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[REDACTED] stated the appearance was completely without incident contrary to published reports in the local morning newspaper of a "bomb scare" and a campus "bomb search." He stated both statements were completely erroneous as were assertions that "scores of telephone threats" against the civil rights leader were received. He said reports that King arrived under "heavy Police guard" were also false, and in fact King was accompanied by a lone faculty member on his drive from the Bradley Field Airport. A report that several Black Muslims picketed the exercises was also in error, although a group of three Negroes who stood at the entrance with leaflets in hand were assumed to be members of the Black Muslims. They asked if they could attend and on being refused because they did not have tickets left quietly.

Dr. Paul U. Congdon, Chairman of the Commencement Committee, according to [REDACTED] issued a protest to the newspapers of Springfield, Massachusetts, for the printed misstatements concerning the appearance of King on the Springfield College campus. He advised that King left Springfield, Massachusetts directly after the exercises for New Haven, Connecticut, where he was also scheduled to receive an honorary degree on June 15, 1964.

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## Honored for Service by Springfield College



Honorary degree recipients at the 78th annual Springfield College commencement Sunday, left to right, are: Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., principal speaker, doctor of divinity; Dr. Carl D. Smith of New Canaan, Conn., a trustee of Springfield College, doctor of humanities; P. Matthew Joseph, principal of Lakshmi Bai College of Physical Education, India, doctor of humanities; Mary Elizabeth Switzer of Alexandria, Va., commissioner of vocational rehabilitation, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, doctor of public service; Dr. Glenn A. Olds, president of Springfield College, and Dr. Cummins E. Speakman, vice-president and dean of Springfield College.

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Editor: Paul Graig  
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# Dr. King Reaffirms Opposition to Violence

Negro Leader, at SC Commencement, Is  
Picketed by Black Muslims

"The problems of the world many more social problems than cannot be solved through hatred and physical violence," integrationist leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. told about 3200 persons attending the 78th annual Springfield College commencement Sunday.

## No Incidents

But outside the college field house where King spoke, Black Muslims from this city hawked newspapers that threatened, "The next chapter may not be nonviolent." No incidents were reported.

King, free on a \$900 bond from a Florida jail, said "Violence often wins temporary victories, but in the end it creates

"If the Negro succumbs to the temptation of using violence in the civil rights struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a reign of bitterness," he said.

## Can End Poverty

King was one of four persons receiving honorary degrees at Springfield College. Four hundred and ninety-five graduate and undergraduate degrees were awarded.

"Scientific and technical genius has made the entire world a

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ord-American, Columbus, president of Sears, Roebuck and Co.; Dr. William E. Browne of Tufts University School of Medicine; Walter E. Craig of Phoenix; Artz, president of American Bar Association.

Also Dr. Dwight E. Harken of Harvard Medical School; Dr. Israel J. Kazis, former president of the New England region of the Rabbinical Assembly; Ralph Lowell, Boston financier and civic leader; Federal Court Judge George C. Sweeney; Cameron S. Thompson, Boston department store executive, and Angela C. O'Brien, manager of Boston office of the Social Security Administration.

#### BUS CRASH KILLS 1

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—A bus failed to negotiate a sharp curve in southeast Turkey Saturday and plunged into a river, killing six persons and injuring 12 seriously.

#### War Is Obsolete

King also told those attending that "war is obsolete. There is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence; the choice is between nonviolence and nonexistence."

"I still have great faith in the future of America," King said. "No lie can live forever. I am confident this nation will weave tangling discord into a symphony of brotherhood."

Others awarded honorary degrees were: P. Matthew Joseph, principal of Lakshmi Bai College of Physical Education in India; Dr. Carl David Smith of New Canaan, Conn., a Springfield College trustee, and Mary Elizabeth Switzer of Alexandria, Va., commissioner of vocational rehabilitation, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Scheduled to receive honorary degrees but unable to attend were Joseph A. Brunton, Jr. of New Brunswick, N. J., chief executive of Boy Scouts of America, and Dr. Paul Tillich of Chicago, theologian. A college spokesman said the school expects to confer the degrees upon the two men during the next academic year.

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# *Realistic Tests Seen Ahead for Rights Bill*

Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., arrived here shortly after noon Sunday under heavy police guard following scores of telephone threats against the civil rights leader reportedly received at Springfield College.

Principal speaker at the school's 78th annual graduation exercises, Dr. King appeared tired but spoke confidently at a press conference in Beveridge Center held less than an hour after officials conducted a campus bomb search.

Free on \$100 bail following his arrest last week in St. Augustine, Fla., for refusing to leave a segregated restaurant, the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said his followers in that 400-year-old city had successfully "cracked and created a crisis" in the power structure that opposed civil rights. He said he will return to St. Augustine today or Tuesday, prepared for any eventuality.

Admitting surprise over the Senate's cloture action on the filibuster against the pending civil rights bill, Dr. King said his group would realistically test the "somewhat crippled" legislation this summer in a wave of new demonstrations in Mississippi and Alabama.

Dr. King reaffirmed his principles of



Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., answers questions at a press conference Sunday. Dr. Robert Markarian, right, director of the Springfield College division of teacher education, looks on.

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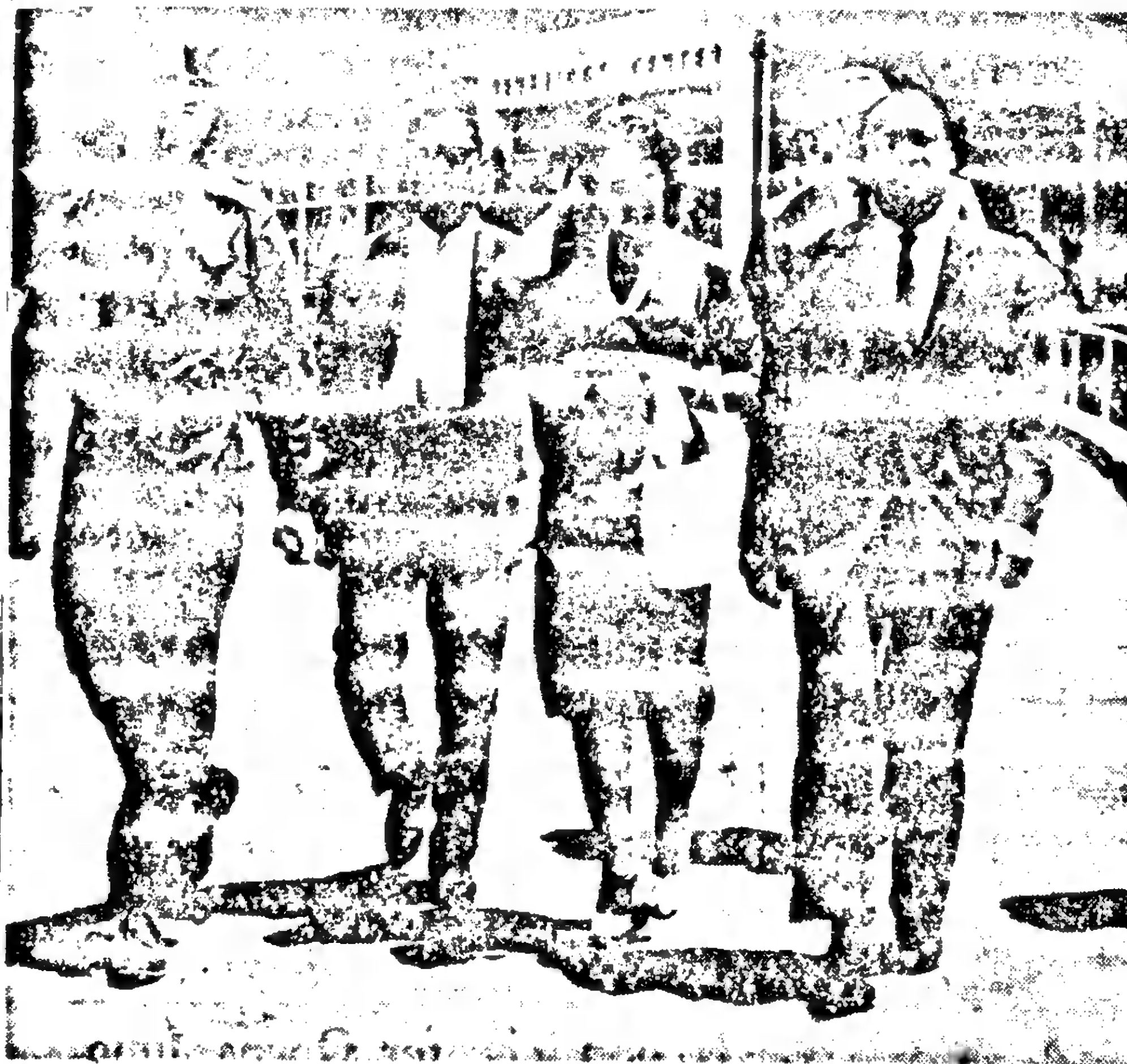
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## Visiting Integrationist on Campus Stroll



Integrationist leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., principal speaker Sunday at Springfield College's commencement, is shown, right, on a campus stroll accompanied by, left to right: a Springfield College security officer; Rev. Bernard Lee, an aide to King, and Mrs. King.

nonviolence but said he couldn't account for the other 20 million Negroes in this country. He said demonstrations were not causing Negroes a loss in support among whites nor would they create "a backlash of violence." Instead, he said, support for civil rights has grown and will continue to grow until the issues are brought to a "just resolution."

Focusing on the 1964 presidential elections, Dr. King predicted that no Negro "thinking right and wisely" would vote Republican if Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater

were the nominee. The senator, he said, is the kind of man who will leave civil rights to the individual states and "these forces have been holding the Negro down."

Dr. King appraised President Johnson as having "done a good job" to date in the field of civil rights. The President has "spoken to the moral issues and acted with wisdom and forthrightness," he said.

But the civil rights leader warned that a judgment of President Johnson could be premature. The President has not yet "faced a crisis" over civil rights and that will be the true test of the man, he said.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of a LHM, dated  
and captioned as above.

The source furnishing the information was [REDACTED]

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- 5- Bureau (100-3-116) (ENCLS. 7) (RM)
  - (1- 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
  - (1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 2- Atlanta (100-6520-A) (ENCLS 2) (INFO) (RM)
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- 1- Memphis (157-4005) (COFO) (ENC 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 1- New Orleans (157- ) (COFO) (ENCL. 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-13658) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
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ELLA J. BAKER is the subject of a closed NY SM-C classification matter. The file number is 100-136886.

b7(c) For the Bureau's information, in a report dated 2/13/59, by SA [REDACTED] at New York, captioned "ELLA J. BAKER-SM-C", a report of her activities was set forth. It is noted in referenced report that BAKER was the secretary of a new organization, "In Friendship", whose purpose was to assist Negroes in their civil rights efforts in the South. While associated with this movement, BAKER met with STANLEY LEVISON in late 1956 and 1957. LEVISON was treasure of "In Friendship" during that time.

A survey of the informants in the NYO who have knowledge of Communist activity in the NYO area, revealed that BAKER was unknown to them.

In view of the fact that no subversive activity was discovered, the NYO closed the investigation of subject. In light of this, no characterization is reported in LHM.

In reference to the meeting scheduled for 6/15/64, a NYO airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/11/64, reported that a meeting between KING, RUSTIN, RANDOLPH and others, would take place in RANDOLPH'S office on that date.

In an effort to cover aforementioned meeting, SAs of the NYO conducted a physical surveillance in the vicinity of RANDOLPH'S office, 217 West 125th St., NYC, but failed to observe any of the individuals entering the building on 6/15/64.

The possibility exists that KING might not have been able to make the meeting in view of his presence at Yale University on 6/15/64. This could have caused a cancellation.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
June 10, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
Bureau 100-3-116

Re: Communist Party United  
States of America-Negro  
Question Communist Influence  
In Racial Matters  
Internal Security-C

On June 14, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin conferred with Robert Moses (Mississippi Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, SNCC) on that date.

X Rustin told Moses that he wanted to apprise him that Farmer (James, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality), Randolph (A. Philip, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations), and Martin Luther King (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) were finally getting together to consider the summer project (voter registration drive in Mississippi, sponsored by the Council of Federated Organizations, COFO).

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Rustin, according to the source, said the meeting would be held in New York City on June 15, 1964, and requested Moses to be present since he was in charge of the project (Mississippi registration project).

Rustin said the project was going to be more difficult than envisioned because of the money problem as well as a "unity of purpose." He said, however, that if King, Farmer, and Randolph could be convinced, they could handle these matters.

Moses inquired if Rustin had talked with Ella (Last name unknown), prompting Rustin to say he had not. Moses requested that Rustin invite her to the meeting (June 15, 1964) which prompted Rustin to remark that he was of the opinion that Ella was suspicious of [redacted].

Rustin said he was of the opinion that King and the SCLC were essential to the project, since they could lend the image and money. He said he felt that Randolph and Farmer were also essential to the success of the project.

The same confidential source advised on June 14, 1964, that Rustin made an effort to contact Ella Baker on that date. Baker reportedly is affiliated with SNCC, the source advised.

It is noted that one Ella J. Baker was the former Educational Director of the New York Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin

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admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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(New Haven file 100-11738)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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(Bufile 100-106670)  
(New Haven file 157-448)

Re: Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 6/2/64.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and two copies for Atlanta.

Information set forth therein pertains to the honorary degree awarded to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., by Yale University, New Haven, Conn., on 6/15/64.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven 10, Connecticut

June 16, 1964

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The June 15, 1964 edition of the "New Haven Register", a New Haven, Connecticut daily newspaper, on page 1, contains an article captioned, "Degrees Awarded by Yale To 2,300". This article reveals that on June 15, 1964, degrees were awarded to a total of 2,316 in commencement exercises at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Included among these degrees were thirteen honorary awards and among the recipients of honorary degrees was Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., who came to Yale University after receiving an honorary degree at Springfield College on June 14, 1964.

The article revealed that in the citation accompanying his honorary degree, Reverend KING was told, "As your eloquence has kindled the nation's sense of outrage, so your steadfast refusal to countenance violence in resistance to injustice has heightened our sense of national shame".

The article revealed that KING was the only honorary degree recipient to receive a standing ovation from the more than 10,000 persons in attendance. He was described as President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

In a second article appearing on page 1 of the June 15, 1964 edition of the "New Haven Register" captioned "Senator GOLDWATER Could Lead GOP to Disastrous Ends", it was revealed that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., held a press conference at the Beineke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. Immediately after he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law Degree by Yale. During the press conference KING stated that the nomination of Arizona Senator BARRY GOLDWATER could lead the Republican Party to disastrous ends.

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RE: CP, USA  
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He expressed the hope that the "long hot summer" of potential civil rights demonstrations will not be quite so hot as predicted and he also hoped that the summer will be "non-violently hot".

According to this second article the honorary degree awarded to KING was accompanied by a citation read at the Yale commencement ceremony by Yale President, KINGMAN BREWSTER, JR. This citation commended KING for his steadfast refusal to countenance violence in resistance to injustice which has heightened our sense of national shame.

According to the article, KING said it would be tragic indeed for the Republican Party if GOLDWATER was nominated at the Republican Party Convention in San Francisco, California. He said there was a danger of making the Republican Party a totally white party.

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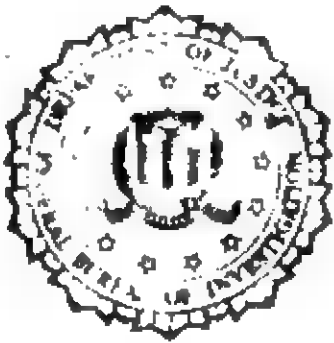
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On June 12, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that a woman, whom the source could not identify, contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones indicated that Martin Luther King would not be able to make the meeting since King is still in jail, but Jones mentioned that he has been authorized to speak for King. She mentioned that Wilkins (Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) (NAACP) and Jim (James Farmer, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality) (CORE), are sending representatives, and she said that Young (Whitney Young, Executive Director of the Urban League) and Malcolm (Malcolm X Little) will be there.

On June 13, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Harry Belafonte contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Belafonte told Jones that he was not going to the meeting that day because Ruby Dee "is too dangerous", but he said that he wanted Jones to go and to advise him of the proceedings.

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On June 13, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Ruby Dee contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She asked if Jones would be available for the meeting that day (June 13, 1964), and Jones indicated that he would be there. Ruby Dee mentioned that Whitney Young (Executive Director of the Urban League) and Malcolm X would be there and that A. Philip Randolph (President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations) (AFL-CIO) and James Farmer (National Director of CORE) are sending representatives. Jones mentioned that Belafonte (Harry Belafonte) would not be able to attend because he is busy recording. Jones indicated that Martin Luther King would not be able to attend because he is still in jail.

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On June 13, 1964, the first confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Ossie Davis on that date. Jones said that in "reflecting on today's conference the most important thing discussed was Malcolm X's idea that we internationalize the question of civil rights and bring it before the United Nations". Jones stated that he thought Malcolm X had the best idea of all those discussed at the conference on "the question of the civil rights movement in the United States today". According to Ossie Davis, Malcolm's idea is to bring the Negro question before the United Nations to internationalize the whole question and bring it before the whole world. Jones stated that "we should present the plight of the Negro to the United Nations General Assembly in September of this year". Ossie Davis said, "This time we won't make the same mistake

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William Patterson made ten years ago". According to Jones, Malcolm X should "assume the responsibility of making the foreign arrangements as he's been there". Ann Jones (the wife of Clarence Jones), stated that Clarence told her that the meeting was thrilling and that Malcolm X impressed everyone with his weighty thoughts on the civil rights question. (u)

It is to be noted that Martin Luther King was arrested in St. Augustine, Florida, in connection with his attempt to integrate public places in St. Augustine.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 12, 1955, and again on September 14, 1955, observed Sidney Poitier entering 263 Seventh Avenue, New York City, which, at that time, was the address of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA) Headquarters and the New York State Communist Party Headquarters.

On December 29, 1954, Sidney Poitier was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the course of the interview, Poitier stated, "I am not now a member of the Communist Party and whether I have ever been would be a question of terminology", but he stated that he had never formally been a member of the CP; however, later in the interview, he stated that he had never been a member of the CP. He remarked that he had attended affairs at which current events and politics were discussed, and he stated that these might have been construed by some individuals as CP meetings. Poitier also stated that he

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had associated with people whom he believed to be Communists. During the interview, Poitier said that he had received the "Daily Worker" for many months, although he neither personally subscribed to it nor rejected it. Poitier advised that he was acquainted with Ben Davis.

On May 7, 1962, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Ben Davis, on May 6, 1962, while addressing the Crown Heights Forum in Brooklyn, New York, stated that he was the National Secretary of the CPUSA.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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Malcolm X (Little) is the Minister of Muslim Mosque, Incorporated.

For a characterization of Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, see attached.

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Malcolm X, formerly, Minister of the Nation of Islam - Negroes only  
Excluded from the Nation of Islam  
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Malcolm X Little

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MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and Minister of NOI Mosque #7, New York, who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in times of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

During an appearance over KYW - Television, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 7, 1964, MALCOLM X stated that the MMI does not stand for integration, but for complete freedom, justice, and equality for Negroes. He stated that Islam was the religious philosophy of the MMI, while the political, economic and social philosophy was black nationalism.

On May 15, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York City, where they were established on March 16, 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WC*

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

DATE:

1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Evans  
6-10-64

1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Sullivan  
1-Mr. Bland  
1-Mr. Baumgardner

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A United Press International (UPI) press release 6-9-64 reported on Martin Luther King, Jr., returning to St. Augustine, Florida, in connection with racial demonstrations there. It was reported that a telegram was sent to Attorney General Kennedy charging the Justice Department had ignored the racial strife in St. Augustine and that King told a reporter he had talked with the Department last week and was assured that the FBI would investigate complaints of violence against King and other Negroes. King said he had heard nothing further from the FBI. The Director inquired: "Do we know anything about this?"

In response to the Director's inquiry, we have checked with the offices of Assistant Directors Evans and Rosen; neither they nor the Domestic Intelligence Division has received any information relative to what King reportedly told the reporter. The Department has not advised us of any such information.

At another point in the release it is reported that King's office had wired Attorney General Kennedy late today (6-9-64) claiming that the Government had taken no steps to protect King in St. Augustine and charging that "not very much concern is evidenced for his life by the federal Government, merely because he is a Negro." The Director noted: "Have we had any word from the Department re this? Be certain we do not yield on our basic stand against doing guard duty."

In answer to the Director's inquiry, we have had no word from the Department on this matter. It should be noted that letters are going forward today (6-10-64) to both the White House and the Attorney General reporting information we had received from the field indicating that King was concerned with the safety of his life and that King and/or his office intended to contact the Department of Justice. These letters also advise that on 6-9-64 King's Executive Assistant contacted our Atlanta Office and claimed to have already advised the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., about King's concern for his safety.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Should we receive any request from the Department or anyone else relative to offering protection to King, we will be alert to not yielding in our basic stand against doing guard duty.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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UPI-189

(RACIAL)

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.--A FEDERAL JUDGE IN JACKSONVILLE TODAY ENJOINED LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM ENFORCING A BAN AGAINST RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, PAVING THE WAY FOR A NEW SURGE OF PROTESTS IN THE NATION'S OLDEST CITY.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN HERE TONIGHT TO GET THE DEMONSTRATIONS GOING.

JUDGE BRYAN SIMPSON RULED THAT NEGROES MAY DEMONSTRATE IN ST. AUGUSTINE AT ANY HOUR IN THE NIGHTTIME.

HE ISSUED A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION PREVENTING ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFF L. L. DAVIS AND ST. AUGUSTINE POLICE CHIEF VIRGIL STUART FROM ENFORCING AN ORAL ORDER MADE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS LATE LAST MONTH BARRING FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS AT NIGHT IN THE CITY.

SIMPSON MADE HIS ORDER EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

KING HAS WARNED THAT UNLESS HIS DESEGREGATION DEMANDS ARE MET, HE WILL LEAD A SERIES OF MASSIVE PROTESTS. HIS DEMANDS INCLUDE THE DESEGREGATION OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, PLUS BETTER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES.

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UPI-211

ADD RACIAL ST. AUGUSTINE (UPI-29)  
 SHORTLY AFTER SIMPSON RULED, KING ANNOUNCED FROM HIS ATLANTA OFFICE  
 THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO ST. AUGUSTINE IN THE MORNING TO TAKE CHARGE OF  
 AN ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN.

THE INTEGRATION LEADER ALSO ANNOUNCED HE WAS SENDING SEVERAL STAFF  
 MEMBER, INCLUDING THE REV. JAMES BEVEL, TO TUSCALOOSA, ALA., WHERE  
 NEGRO DEMONSTRATORS CLASHED WITH POLICE TODAY.

OFFICIALS USED TEAR GAS AND WATER HOSES ON THE TUSCALOOSA DEMONSTRATORS  
 WHEN THEY TOOK REFUGE IN A CHURCH AND BEGAN HURLING STONES, FURNITURE  
 AND OTHER OBJECTS AT OFFICERS.

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UPI-213

ADD RACIS, ST. AUGUSTINE  
 KING ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO RETURN TO ST. AUGUSTINE FOLLOWING A FIVE-HOUR, CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH EXECUTIVES OF HIS SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

KING SAID HE WOULD ARRIVE IN THE FLORIDA EAST COAST CITY SHORTLY AFTER 10 A.M. EST TOMORROW BY PLANE, AND THAT DEMONSTRATIONS PROBABLY WILL START TOMORROW AFTERNOON. THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, WHO HELPED KING RUN THE BIRMINGHAM INTEGRATION EFFORT LAST YEAR, WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. THREE STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE REV. ANDREW YOUNG AND THE REV. C.T. VIVIAN, TOOK A PLANE FOR ST. AUGUSTINE TONIGHT.

SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETING BETWEEN KING AND HIS OFFICERS, A TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY CHARGING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAD IGNORED THE RACIAL STRIFE IN ST. AUGUSTINE.

KING TOLD A REPORTER HE TALKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK AND WAS ASSURED THE FBI WOULD INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST KING AND OTHER NEGROES. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE FBI.

THE INTEGRATION LEADER SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT "WE ARE GOING TO HAVE REAL PROBLEMS IN ST. AUGUSTINE BUT WE CANNOT STOP NOW."

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN "NO EFFORT ON THE PART OF ST. AUGUSTINE OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER THE NEGRO DEMANDS FOR DESEGREGATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PLACING NEGROES IN BETTER JOBS."

"THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF AN ALL-OUT PUSH," KING SAID.

KING SAID ST. AUGUSTINE WAS CHOSEN FOR THE MAJOR CAMPAIGN OF THE SCLC AT THE START OF THE SUMMER "MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS SYMBOLIC AS THE NATION'S OLDEST CITY AND IT IS A CITY THAT HAS MADE VERY LITTLE PROGRESS ON CIVIL RIGHTS."

KING HAS SAID HE HAS BEEN WARNED HE IS MARKED FOR DEATH IF HE RETURNS TO ST. AUGUSTINE. A BEACH FRONT COTTAGE HE RENTED IN THE HISTORIC CITY RECENTLY WAS RIDDLED BY RIFLE FIRE WHILE HE WAS IN CALIFORNIA MAKING A SERIES OF SPEECHES. A CAR CONTAINING ONE OF KING'S AIDES ALSO WAS HIT BY SHOTGUN FIRE.

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UPI-219

ADD RACIAL, ST. AUGUSTINE  
 KING'S OFFICE FIRED ATTY. GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY LATE TODAY CLAIMING  
 THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN NO STEPS TO PROTECT KING IN ST. AUGUSTINE  
 AND CHARGING THAT "NOT VERY MUCH CONCERN IS EVIDENCED FOR HIS LIFE BY  
 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MERELY BECAUSE HE IS A NEGRO."  
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ADD RACIAL, ST. AUGUSTINE  
 ST. AUGUSTINE IMMEDIATELY BEGAN GIRDING FOR THE CRISIS. SHERIFF  
 L. O. DAVIS ISSUED A CALL TO "ALL LAW ABIDING AND RESPONSIBLE MEN IN THE  
 CITY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 21 AND 55 TO BECOME SPECIAL DEPUTIES." HE  
 TOLD VOLUNTEERS TO REPORT TO THE COUNTY JAIL. THE SPECIAL DEPUTIES,  
 HE SAID, WOULD SERVE ON CALL ONLY AND WOULD BE SUBJECT TO HIS ORDERS.  
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# Memorandum

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DATE: June 12, 1964

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TO: Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. J.A. Sizoo  
1 - Mr. D.E. Moore  
1 - Mr. Gurley

[REDACTED] while visiting Washington, came in to see me. I know [REDACTED] very well as a result of my lecturing during the past few years. [REDACTED] clergyman and a man for whom I have the highest respect.

[REDACTED] mentioned to me the column by Joseph Alsop some weeks ago wherein it was pointed out that Dr. Martin Luther King was in contact with communists and is influenced by them. [REDACTED] expressed grave concern about this and asked me if I could confidentially advise him whether or not Dr. King might be connected with communists.

I took the liberty of advising [REDACTED] confidentially of the fact that Dr. Martin Luther King not only left a great deal to be desired from the standpoint of communism, but also from the standpoint of personal conduct. Also, I referred [REDACTED] to public source material on Dr. King relative to communism.

[REDACTED] expressed deep gratitude to the Bureau for my talking to him about this matter, and assured me he would keep it strictly to himself and be guided by it in his decisions. He said that [REDACTED] would certainly not want to have anything to do with a man who did not have the proper qualifications, and he, [REDACTED] clergyman, felt very strongly about such matters.

I think that we have sowed an idea here which may do some good. I will follow up on the matter very discreetly to see what desirable results may emanate therefrom.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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Bakersfield, California

Dear [REDACTED]

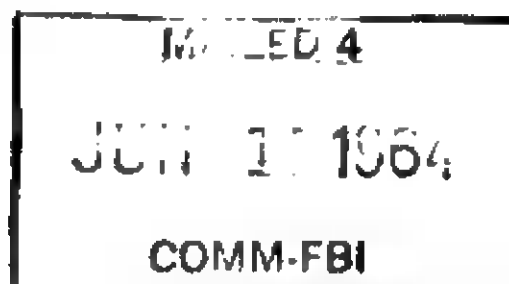
Your letter of June 8th has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Further, this Bureau does not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

In response to your request, enclosed is a copy of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, on January 29, 1964, along with other literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

1964 Appropriations Testimony

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

Faith in Freedom

Counterintelligence Activities

NOTE: In August, 1963, correspondent inquired generally about communism and was sent Bureau reprint material. Literature currently being sent is not duplicative.

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Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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 [REDACTED]  
 Bakersfield, California  
 June 8, 1964

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12-26-79

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last week my minister of the [REDACTED] claimed that Martin Luther King had told him that by writing to the FBI one could obtain clear and positive proof that Mr. King and his Southern Christian Leadership Conference were in no way helping Communism.

I would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to answer the following questions for me:

- (a) Have you ever made any statements regarding Martin Luther King in which you indicated whether or not Mr. King and his SCLC are helping or hindering Communism in the United States?
- (b) Recently Mr. Joseph Alsop made the statement about Martin Luther King Jr., "His influence is very great ... Yet he has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice." Do you feel that this is a true statement? If not, then what is wrong about Mr. Alsop's statement?

FBI

Could you please send a copy of your testimony (recent) before the House Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Date: 4/17/64

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164) (C)

MARTIN LUTHER KING  
RACIAL MATTERSRe Bureau teletype dated 4/15/64 concerning alleged  
threat on subject.The information contained in the Cincinnati  
teletype dated 4/15/64 has been furnished to MPD and U.S.  
Secret Service.WFO contemplating no additional investigation but  
will advise Bureau and interested offices if any pertinent  
information is received.3 - Bureau  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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June 12, 1964

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[Redacted Address]

Bakersfield, California

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of June 8th, with enclosure.

Pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice, the files of the FBI are maintained as confidential. For this reason I am not able to respond in the manner you requested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*  
Blair

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1 - Los Angeles - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles indicate that in August, 1963, we sent correspondent, who is a school teacher, 30 copies of the following reprints for here class "Young People Can Help Defeat Communism" American's Challenge" and "Deadly Duel". At that time she was not identifiable in Bufiles. The enclosure to her letter was a photograph of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, during 1957. The Bureau is familiar with this picture.

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[REDACTED]  
Bakersfield, Calif.  
June 8, 1964.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a picture of Martin Luther King,  
which has been widely distributed.

Concerning the picture would you comment on how  
authentic the picture is?

Karl Prussion is claiming that King belongs to 60  
Communist fronts. What I would like to know is how reliable  
Karl Prussion is?

So many of our churches are behind King and think  
he is doing the right thing and are supporting him. I can't see  
how anyone can support some one who is causing riots and confusion  
in our country.

I will appreciate your answer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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CORRESPONDENCE

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."



# MAIL

**ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
DIVISION**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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# NEGRO QUESTION

**1 - San Diego (100-13117)**

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2 - Phoenix (X - 100-2636)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona  
June 10, 1964

TALKS BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR., AT PHOENIX AND TEMPE,  
ARIZONA ON JUNE 3, 1964

The May 30, 1964 issue of the "Arizona Republic", Phoenix, local Phoenix newspaper, carried an article relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was to speak at a public meeting at 8 P.M. at Guggenheim Stadium, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, on Wednesday, June 3, 1964. It was stated in this article that this was Dr. King's first appearance in the Valley and the meeting was sponsored by the Maricopa County Chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a sponsoring committee of Valley Catholic, Jewish and Protestant Clergy.

The June 4, 1964 issue of the "Arizona Republic", Phoenix, carried an article concerning talks by Reverend Martin Luther King who spoke to 450 Kiwanis Club Members at a noon luncheon meeting held at 4701 N. 16th Street, Phoenix, Arizona. According to this article, Dr. King stated "The Nation is now running into some mighty explosive situations", and he indicated that it might go beyond the control of responsible Negro leaderships if the Civil Rights Bill should fail to pass this Congress. He stressed that, "Violence in our struggle would be both impractical and immoral and would create more problems than it would solve." Dr. King said the Negro's answer to the Nation's bigots will be, "We will match your capacity to inflict suffering on us with the capacity to endure suffering. You may throw us in jail - bomb our homes - threaten our little children, and difficult as it is, we will still love you." He then said, "This is the meaning of non-violent action."

In Dr. King's second address of the day at Arizona State University Stadium, Tempe, Arizona, on the evening of June 3, 1964, he carried the same message to more than 8,000 persons. He said according to this article, "Legislation

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TALKS BY REV. DR. MARTIN  
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PHOENIX AND TEMPE, ARIZONA  
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cannot solve all of the problems in human relations. It may be true that we cannot legislate integration, but we can legislate against segregation. While the law may not change the hearts of men, it will change their habits. And when you change their habits, you make it possible for their hearts to change also."

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FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

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TALKS BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY, - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
ON MAY 29, 1964

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[REDACTED] that at 2:00 p.m. b(1)  
on May 29, 1964, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., spoke to a  
near-capacity crowd of approximately 1,500 people in the Open Air  
Theater at San Diego State College, San Diego, California.

KING emphasized the importance of passing the civil  
rights legislation now in Congress and of defeating the initiative  
to nullify present California civil rights statutes which will be  
on the November ballot. He pointed out that man's scientific genius  
has made the world one in a geographic sense, but now man must make  
the world one in the terms of brotherhood and peace. He said people  
must get rid of the idea that there are superior and inferior races.  
KING called for immediate action to rid the country of segregation.  
He said civil rights leaders realize that integration can be achieved  
only when all men truly want it, but that legislation is needed to  
change men's habits, after which the change of heart will follow.  
KING urged passage of the civil rights bill now pending in the Senate,  
warning that its defeat might bring peril to the nation and that the  
evil forces keeping the racial problem in existence might become  
malignant and bring the races an incurable cancer.

There were no incidents or arrests at this meeting.

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that at 8:00 p.m.  
on May 29, 1964, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., addressed an esti-  
mated 11,000 people at California Western University in San Diego,  
California. Attendance figures accounted for 9,000 people in the  
Golden Gym and another 2,000 listening over loudspeakers in the  
open-air Greek Theater.

KING stated, "It is a desecration of the American heritage  
to have so perverted the intent of the framers of our Constitution,  
that freedom has been withheld from whole sections of our populace  
because of racial diversity. It is a defiance of our law to refuse

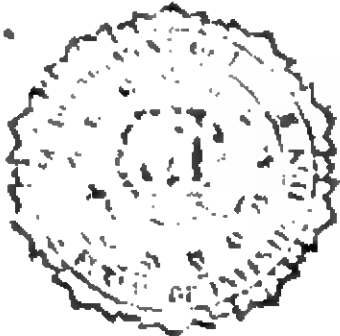
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AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
ON MAY 29, 1964

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to grant its protection equally and impartially to all our people." KING told the story of Rip Van Winkle with a modern connotation: "Too many Caucasians are sleeping through a revolution. By the time they awake, tragedy that could have been avoided will have caught them in its wake."

Local ministers were asked to take their proverbial role of leadership because "an apathetic church is betraying its trust." Sponsors of the program were Western Christian Leadership Conference, Southeastern Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, San Diego County Council of Churches, San Diego Ministerial Association, Associated Studentbody of California Western University, and United Church Women of San Diego. The choir of Calvary Baptist Church presented appropriate selections.

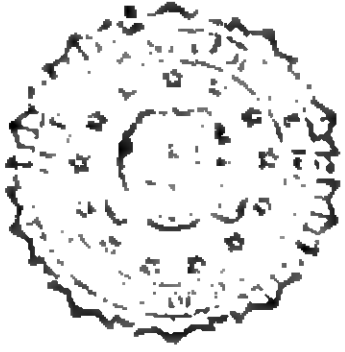
Literature was distributed to those entering the campus by persons believed to be John Birchers. This literature showed a group photograph of KING and others captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL" and underneath this photograph was a paragraph which stated as follows:

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JR., AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND  
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Reference Letterhead memorandum captioned as  
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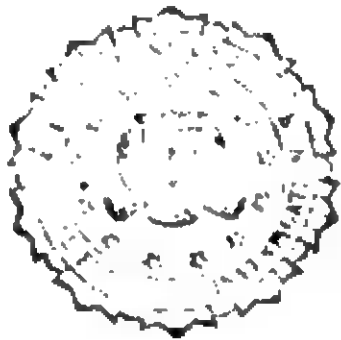
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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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On June 9, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Bayard Rustin contacted Cleveland Robinson (Secretary-Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, who was Chairman of the Administrative Committee of the March on Washington), on that date. Rustin apologized for not answering Robinson's message, and he mentioned that he had been in the hospital for the last three days. Robinson mentioned that he had spoken to Martin Luther King and that King wants to meet every two or three weeks with a group consisting of Helstein (Ralph L. Helstein, President of United Packinghouse, Food and Allied Workers), Larry Reddick, Rustin, Clarence Jones, himself (Robinson), and a few others. According to Robinson, the purpose of the meetings will be to write King's speeches and guide his actions. He stated that the meetings, for the most part, will be held in New York, and he mentioned that the next meeting will be held on Monday, June 22, 1964. Continuing, Robinson stated that one of the things which they will discuss is how King can extend his influence in other areas, and he mentioned that one of the problems they will discuss is the fact that King has not seized the initiative which is costing the Negroes. Rustin agreed with this. (u)

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On June 9, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Norm Hill (Program Director of the Congress of Racial Equality) (CORE) contacted Bayard Rustin on that date. Rustin mentioned that there will be a meeting with King on Monday (June 15, 1964) afternoon in Randolph's (A. Philip Randolph, President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and a Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, who was the Director of the March on Washington) office (217 West 125th Street, New York City). Rustin mentioned to Hill that he wants to get Moses (Robert Moses, Mississippi Director of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and Director of the Voter Registration Project in Mississippi) to attend this meeting because he is doing most of the work on this thing. Rustin also mentioned that those in attendance at the meeting will be Randolph, Farmer (James Farmer, National Director of CORE), Hill, himself (Rustin) and several others. According to Rustin, the time of the meeting would have to be determined later in accordance with King's plans. ~~(u)~~ (u)

On June 9, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Bayard Rustin contacted the secretary of A. Philip Randolph on that date to determine if Randolph would be available on Monday (June 15, 1964) afternoon to meet with King and others. He was informed that Randolph's schedule is open for that time. Rustin mentioned that the topic of the meeting will be the political conventions. ~~(u)~~ (u)

With respect to the meeting which is to be held on June 22, 1964, it is to be noted that this meeting is scheduled to take place at Harry Wachtel's office (711 Fifth Avenue, New York City) at 2:00 PM.

It is to be noted that Bayard Rustin recently informed King that the Mississippi business (voter registration drive) and the Democratic National Convention (planned demonstrations at the convention to unseat Mississippi's

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delegation) had gotten out of hand. Rustin mentioned that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee was working on the matter in such a way that it is confusing. In connection with this, Rustin suggested a meeting with King who indicated June 15, 1964, would be a suitable time.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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The source further stated that Reddick was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

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Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President  
for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15  
East 40th Street, New York City. He resides  
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long  
Island, New York.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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New Haven 10, Connecticut

June 9, 1964

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advised that KING arrived in Middletown during the morning of June 7, 1964. He delivered the baccalaureate address at graduation ceremonies, Wesleyan University, the same morning. He was also awarded an honorary degree as Doctor of Divinity. In the early part of the afternoon, he left Middletown by private car for New York City, where he was to receive an honorary degree [REDACTED] from Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City. b7(D)

The June 8, 1964 edition of the "Hartford Courant", a daily newspaper published in Hartford, Connecticut, contains an article concerning KING's appearance at Wesleyan University, and the following is quoted concerning remarks made by KING:

"On our mountain of complacent adjustment, the Commandment 'Thou shalt not steal' has been changed to 'Thou shalt not get caught', and if you are going to lie, lie with finesse. All of us are moving through a wilderness (using the parallel of Moses leading his people to the promised land) but many of us don't want to face the disciples, the ordeals, the sacrifices needed to move through the wilderness to the promised land of brotherhood, the promised land of justice. We must move from this mountain of complacent adjustment and unobtainable goals. Too often we get bogged down on these symbolic mountains and we must move on to individual and collective fulfillment."

He spoke of "a symbolic mountain, ethical relativism, reducing morality to human appetites, customs and the time in which we live. We have come to the point where it is survival of the slickest and if you are going to

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lie, lie with finesse. Dress your mate in the garments of love. But it is time to move to the mountain where right is right and wrong is wrong and never the twain shall meet. The symbolic mountains of practical materialism, indifference concerning poverty in our nation and in the world, racial segregation, corroding hatred and crippling justice", also concerned the Georgia minister.

"Poverty is not a new problem but what is new is that for the first time we have the resources and the techniques to do something about it. There are 30 to 40 million people in the world in the vast ocean of poverty caught on the wave of materialism. If we are to be a great nation we must rise out of our apathy and indifference toward poverty and do away with it. We must remember those who are economically secure in our affluent society can never be what they ought to be until those who are economically insecure are what they ought to be."

Dr. KING then talked about, "The means to ends, both in relation to segregation and to peace. Violence has never brought about lasting peace. We must come to see that it is either non-violence or non-existence, both in our country and in international relations. The alternative to disarmament is a civilization plunged into the abyss of annihilation. Segregation is the Negro's burden and America's shame, where it is the legal segregation of the south or the de facto segregation of the north. It is morally wrong and sinful, based on human laws out of harmony with natural moral laws. The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice. May God grant every member of this graduating class the desire and the will to work against this evil system. This problem must be solved through a sort of massive divine discontent. Help us to move from all of these mountains. Help us to move out with determination toward a brotherhood that transcends race or color, a brotherhood based on peace, brotherhood and justice."

At a press conference afterward, he spoke briefly on the segregation problem in the north. He said if the north isn't



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careful, the south will surpass it in human relations. In the north, the problem is to get at the more subtle forms of segregation that may become so deeply entrenched they will be hard to get at all. It all depends on goodwill and active response. There is a need for greater participation, a need for thrust and action by the white community, a need for voices of goodwill to speak out to solve the evil of segregation.

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*7-10-64*  
*9-11-64*

To: SACs, Atlanta  
Jacksonville

*12-26-74*

*9803 APP/HA*

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

*[Redacted]*  
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*[Redacted]* Bluffton, Georgia, telephonically contacted the Bureau during the evening hours of 6-8-64 relative to the subject. He advised someone had better get King out of St. Augustine, Florida, before he gets killed. He stated he was not threatening King or did he have any specific information as to who might kill King, however, knowing the temperament of the people in the South, he felt King's life was in jeopardy.

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It is noted *[Redacted]* appeared to have been drinking and during the conversation used considerable profanity.

*[Redacted]*

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with

*[Redacted]*

REG-137 *100-106670-378*

Atlanta, above is for your information.

Jacksonville, alert local authorities, *19 JUN 15 1964*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

*JUN 9 1964*

TELETYPE

Mr. McGowan, 2712 JB

1 - 100-3-116

Mr. Bland, 821 RB

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NOTE: Call received by SA *[Redacted]*, Night Supervisor, Special Investigative Division at 7:40 PM, 6-8-64.

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1116AM URGENT 6-9-64 LRA

TO ATLANTA JACKSONVILLE

FROM DIRECTOR 100-106670 1P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C

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THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH, HE FELT KING'S LIFE WAS IN JEOPARDY.

IT IS NOTED [REDACTED] APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN DRINKING  
AND DURING THE CONVERSATION USED CONSIDERABLE PROFANITY. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

ATLANTA, ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

JACKSONVILLE, ALERT LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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FBI JACKSVLE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 12-1-80 BY SP4JRM/ab  
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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland

12-26-79

9803 REP/JSK

June 10, 1964

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information concerning a contact had between Clarence Jones and Wyatt Walker on June 8, 1964.

Walker voiced concern over the safety of Martin Luther King, Jr., in view of threats which have been made on King's life. Walker said that King is returning to St. Augustine, Florida, on June 10, 1964, and that he should have protection. Walker indicated that what was needed was to have some outside pressure brought to bear on President Johnson and Attorney General Kennedy.

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(CPUSA, Negro

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RETYPE OF PAGE 2 AND  
ADDITION OF PAGE 3, OF  
LETTER TO JENKINS, 6-10-64,  
NOT REDATED, SFP:pwd.

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1-Mr. Belmont 1-Mr. Bland  
1-Mr. DeLoach 1-Mr. Baumgardner  
1-Mr. Evans  
1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Mr. Sullivan b7(c)

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

On June 9, 1964, Walker contacted our Atlanta, Georgia, Office and advised that King and other Southern Christian Leadership Conference officials were to depart Atlanta on the morning of June 10, 1964, en route to St. Augustine, Florida. Walker explained his reason for making contact with the FBI in Atlanta was that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference office in St. Augustine had received two local calls threatening to assassinate King and that the house where Southern Christian Leadership Conference personnel, including King, were staying in the St. Augustine area had been shot into and burned. Walker said that there apparently had been no investigation by the local police or Federal officers and he expressed regret concerning this. He claimed to have already advised the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. He also claimed that there has been a complete breakdown of law and order.

Walker admitted that to his knowledge no complaint had been made to the St. Augustine Police, State of Florida officials, or the FBI at St. Augustine. Walker was advised that the information he had furnished did not appear to be a Federal violation coming within the jurisdiction of the FBI and information concerning threats against the life of King should be furnished to local law enforcement authorities. He was also advised that if he had any information which he believed related to civil rights violations at St. Augustine, he should report the information to our Jacksonville, Florida, Office.

An Associated Press news release from St. Augustine dated May 29, 1964, reported that local authorities were aware of and had conducted investigation relative to the firing upon a cottage which King had rented in the St. Augustine area. Investigation was also conducted by local authorities concerning a fire of unknown origin in King's cottage.

Wyatt Walker is the Executive Assistant to King. James Baldwin is a well-known author. Clarence Jones has been identified as a person in a position of leadership in the Labor Youth League in late 1953 or early 1954. The Labor Youth League has been designated as subversive pursuant to

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins

Executive Order 10450. Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, an organization which is engaged in raising funds on behalf of King's endeavors in the Negro movement.

This information is being furnished to other interested officials of the Government.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

Classified "Secret" as source is [REDACTED] a highly sensitive source relative to the racial situation and, particularly, the communist influence therein. The unauthorized disclosure of this information could reveal the identity of the source who is of continuing value and thus do injury to the national defense. Information obtained from New York teletype to Bureau, Atlanta and Jacksonville 6-8-64. By separate airtel dated 6-9-64 we have directed the Jacksonville Office to advise local authorities at St. Augustine that there have been threats on King's life. This extra precaution of alerting local authorities is being taken notwithstanding the fact that they are aware of threats which have been made on King's life. Information concerning Walker's contact with our Atlanta Office contained in Atlanta teletype 6-9-64. b(2) b7(D)

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June 11, 1964

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Bland

Airtel

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To: SAC's, Jacksonville (PERSONAL ATTENTION)  
Atlanta (100-6520) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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ReBuairtel 6/9/64 which emphasized the instructions as to advising appropriate authorities when specific information is received relative to a threat on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

ReAttel to Bureau and Jacksonville 6/9/64 which advised of contact made with Atlanta Office by King's Executive Assistant, Wyatt Walker. He referred to the local threatening calls made at St. Augustine, Florida, as well as damage to the house where King and Southern Christian Leadership Conference personnel stayed. He expressed concern over what he claimed was apparently no investigation by authorities.

For information of receiving offices a United Press International news release of 6/9/64 reported upon King's stating that he had been threatened with death if he returned to St. Augustine. He reportedly told a reporter that he talked with the Department last week and was assured the FBI would investigate complaints of violence against him and other Negroes.

The purpose of instant airtel is to re-emphasize again the absolute necessity for alerting local authorities to all information received about threats to King which do not come within the Bureau's jurisdiction. Of course, if a matter arises within the Bureau's jurisdiction, the

1 - 100-3-116 (CPUSA, Negro Question)

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Atlanta  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

appropriate action must be promptly taken. Be alert to situations which might result in embarrassment to the Bureau because of any claims of Bureau inaction or delay. Keep the Bureau promptly advised of all developments pertinent to this matter.

NOTE:

The publicity King is receiving makes it evident that he will not hesitate to attempt to place the Bureau in the middle and thus embarrass the Bureau if he can. While we have already issued the necessary instructions on handling complaints relative to threats on King's life, it is believed that instant airtel should go forward as a re-emphasis, particularly in view of the volatile situation at St. Augustine and acts of violence which have developed and including the firing upon King's cottage.



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SAC, Atlanta (100-5526)

June 11, 1964

Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF *Classified*  
DATE *6/17/79*

1- Mr. Rushing  
(Field Guidance)  
1- Mr. Forsyth

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 5-26-64  
at Atlanta and captioned as above.

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This report has been carefully analyzed at the Bureau and, because of the controversial nature of the subject, it is believed extensive changes should be made in order to add clarity and continuity. Dissemination of this report is being withheld at the Bureau and you are instructed to submit a new report containing the changes and corrections set out hereinafter.

1. On page 1, the synopsis, the second sentence should be changed to read: Confidential sources advised during the past year the subject has been influenced by individuals with communist backgrounds.

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2. [redacted]

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1- New York (100-136585)

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11/25/77

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 62-28-7726

Letter to Atlanta  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
100-106670

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3. Page 7, paragraph 1, the last line, the word adapted should be changed to adopted. It is also believed that the statement, "communist infiltration of the organization at a working level was never feared because of the lack of chain of command" should be clarified.

4. On page 9, the last paragraph, the third line from the bottom, the last word should be over not under.

5. Page 10, paragraph 3, line 2, delete signed by and insert bears purported signature of.

6. Beginning with the last paragraph, page 10, information is set out concerning the syndicated column by Joseph Alsop. On page 12, paragraph 2, further information is attributed to the Alsop column. If these are actually the same article appearing in 2 different papers under Alsop's name, they should be set out as being the same article and all other events concerning this matter should be set out in chronological order immediately following the quoted article; however, even if you are using 2 different newspaper articles, all the subsequent events should be placed in proper order, by date, in order of their occurrence.

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8. Page 19, last paragraph, line 6, (NAAC) should be changed to (NAACP).

Letter to Atlanta  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
100-106670

9. On page 20, paragraph 1, information is set out concerning a conference that was forthcoming in New York on peace, civil rights and labor. In the event you possess information that this conference was, in fact, held and King participated in the conference, such information should be included.

10. On page 23, paragraph 8, line 6, the word publishers should be made possessive.

11. On page 24, paragraph 4, the editorial comment was made: "This conversation apparently concerned plans for the recent boycott of New York City public schools." This comment should be deleted in its entirety.

12. Page 26, paragraph 4, line 5, should be changed to read "... able to obtain from 'The Nation' their mailing list in exchange for...".

13. On page 32, paragraph 3, information is set out to the effect that Clarence Jones made a statement on 1-2-64; however, it was documented as having come from [REDACTED] on 1-4-64. This should be clarified. In addition, for the sake of continuity and clarity, information regarding this conference on pages 32 and 33 should be reported in chronological order. b(1)

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Letter to Atlanta  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
100-106670

[REDACTED] b(1)  
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16. On page 40, the last paragraph, you should delete ("Apparently referring to the publicity received when Southern Christian Leadership Conference employed O'Dell.") It is apparent that King had decided Rustin was to be hired but that it could not happen in the midst of the Civil Rights Business in Washington, D.C. (This was in reference to Southern Christian Leadership Conference plans against the Civil Rights debate in the U.S. Senate.)

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19. On page 44, paragraph 2, you should spell out the fact that the letters NOI are an abbreviation for the Nation of Islam. You should also provide in the Appendix a characterization of this organization.

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**Letter to Atlanta**  
**RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING**  
**100-106670**

21. On page 50, the first paragraph, information is set out indicating Mrs. Martin Luther King is on the mailing list of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee. Following this you should insert a source for this information.

Due to the extreme importance of this case and the fact that dissemination is being withheld at the Bureau, you are instructed to give this matter expedite handling and a new report promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Serial 374 pulled from this file under court order of  
U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
National Archives.

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RETYPE OF LETTER DATED  
6-10-64, SAME CAPTION, SFP:pwd.

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

June 10, 1964

1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING

SLIP(S) OF *DECLASSIFICATION*  
DATE *12/25/77* *CAJ/R*

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Negro Question)

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**The Attorney General**

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This information has been furnished to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Burke Marshall  
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley  
Assistant Attorney General

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EX 104

June 1, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois

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Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of May 25th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

In response to your request, as I stated in my previous communication, regulations of the Department of Justice preclude the disclosure of information which is contained in our files. In view of the foregoing, it would not be proper for me to comment as you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

12-26-79

9803 RDP / JAA

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning [REDACTED] and he was advised by our previous outgoing of 5-21-64 of the confidential nature of our files. He was also furnished some literature concerning activities of the FBI in civil rights and counterintelligence fields.

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TRUE COPY

May 25, 1964.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Thank you for your cordial letter of May 21st. I do understand that information contained in FBI files must be maintained as confidential. Thanks, also, for the literature accompanying your letter.

My inquiry about Martin Luther King Jr. was not personal, or casual. I am president of the [REDACTED] Club (just finished my 9th year in that capacity) and, while we did not invite him last season, he was one of our speakers in each of the previous five seasons, and we have him booked for the spring of our next season, commencing next October. b7(c)

I have not believed that he is a Communist, or that he has Communist leanings. If he has, he doesn't belong on our platform.

Would you feel that you could give me your own personal opinion that he is suitable - or unsuitable - for our platform? I would much appreciate any help you can give. R

Sincerely, and gratefully yours,

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

EX 104

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Illinois

May 25

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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	
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Sincerely and gratefully yours,  
<sup>18. 11. 1</sup>

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

<sup>18 MAY 2 1964</sup>  
Washington, D.C.

18 DIRECTOR

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DATE: 6/9/64

Transmit the following in

Via AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies of a LHM captioned and dated as above; two copies are enclosed for the Atlanta Office, and one copy for the Jacksonville Office.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-116) (ENCLS 7) (RM)  
    { 1 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR)  
    { 1 - 100-438794 (COMINFIL SCLC)  
2 - Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION) (ENCLS 2) (INFO) (RM)  
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1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR) (42)  
1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL)  
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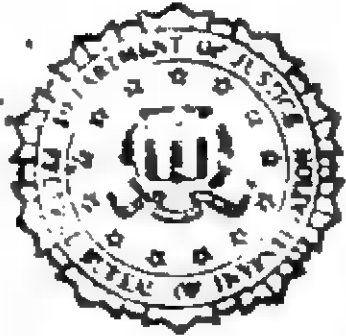
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New York, New York  
June 9, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States of America -  
Negro Question, Communist Influence In  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On June 8, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Bayard Rustin conferred with Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., on that date. According to the source, Rustin informed King that the Mississippi business (voter registration drive) and the Democratic National Convention (planned demonstration at the convention to unseat Mississippi's delegation) had gotten out of hand. Rustin said the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNICC) was working on the matter in such a manner that it was confusing, that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) did not know what it was doing, and he (Rustin) did not know whether the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) had made up its mind as to what action it would take. X

King, according to the source, said the SCLC had not met on the matter. He said, however, that he had met with Andrew Young (Program Director of the SCLC), but had not reached a conclusion as to what action they should take. X

Rustin inquired if it would be possible for King to meet with A. Philip Randolph (President of the Sleeping Car Porters, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations) (AFL-CIO) and James Farmer (National Director of CORE), in New York, New York, on June 9, 1964. X

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Communist Party, United States of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

King told Rustin that a meeting on June 9, 1964 would be a bad time since he was scheduled to attend a meeting in Atlanta on this date. ~~X~~

Rustin asked if it would be possible for King to give him a couple of dates in order that he might clear it with Farmer and Randolph for the meeting which, he said, would include several other people. Rustin stated that he was afraid if "we" let SNICC get much farther it will be impossible to pull ther back and "we are all going to be in serious trouble." ~~X~~

(In response to King's question, Rustin replied that SNICC was willing to make this a cooperative affair, but Rustin added he felt that much pressure would have to be brought to bear on SNICC. Rustin also indicated that he felt if King was in agreement with Farmer and Randolph, SNICC would go along. According to Rustin, this is probably the biggest and most important thing "we" have to do at the moment because if something goes wrong there, it could be to the embarrassment of the whole movement (the civil rights movement). Rustin indicated that the problem deals with the convention (Democratic National Convention) and "the whole business of how it ties in to the effort to unseat the Mississippi Delegation" and what kind of a demonstration the movement needs to have in Atlantic City. Continuing, Rustin said that there cannot be just one segment of the movement running off wild because there is too much at stake. ~~X~~

King said he would have to check his schedule in regard to the proposed meeting. In connection with this, he stated that next Monday, June 15, 1964, he would be in ~~X~~

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New Haven at the Yale commencement. He stated that he would leave immediately following the festivities and could be in New York at approximately 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. Rustin inquired if there was a possibility of getting together before that time. King replied that the problem is that he has to be in St. Augustine, Florida (the scene of recent racial demonstrations) on Wednesday and will remain there until Saturday. He mentioned that Saturday he has to go to Springfield, Massachusetts (where he will appear at Springfield College). King remarked that next Monday (June 15, 1964) appears to be the only time he would be available. X

Rustin mentioned to King that he had a discussion with Clarence Jones, and he remarked that he is very enthusiastic about "being any help I can be on that little committee you are setting up." In connection with this, King mentioned that the next date is June 22, 1964 at Wachtel's (Harry Wachtel) office (711 5th Avenue) in New York. King indicated that he would attend and that it would start at two o'clock. X

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March." The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker," issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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Communist Party, United States of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
for the Gandhi Society for Human  
Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York  
City.

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Communist Party, United States of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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East 40th Street, New York City. He resides  
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long  
Island, New York.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC, contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

6/9/64

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AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151543)  
SUBJECT: CPUSA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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ReNYteletype to Bureau, 6/8/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above; two copies are enclosed for Atlanta, and one copy is enclosed for Jacksonville.

Source used in the LHM is [REDACTED]

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- 2 - Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION) (Encls. 2)
  - (INFO) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 1 - Jacksonville (100- ) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
  - (Encl. 1) (INFO) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
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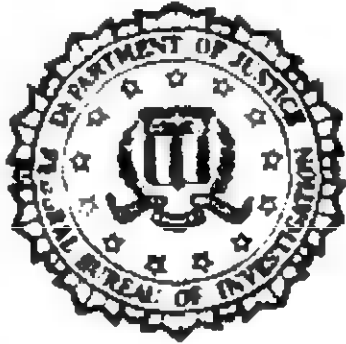
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York

June 9, 1964

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Bureau 100-3-116

Re: Communist Party, United States  
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Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matter  
Internal Security - C

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DATE 12-26-79 BY 103 R00/JAL

On June 8, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Wyatt Walker, (Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) on that date. Walker stated that he was very much concerned over the question of Martin Luther King's safety in view of the threats which have been made on this life. Walker stated that the cottage which had been rented in St. Augustine (Florida) had been shot up and that last weekend someone tried to burn it. (St. Augustine, Florida has been the scene of recent racial demonstration.)

Continuing, Walker said that King is going back to St. Augustine on Wednesday (June 10, 1964) and that he should have protection. According to Walker, if this had happened to some other person of King's stature, steps would have been taken to protect this man. Walker stated that what was needed was to have some outside pressure on Bobby Kennedy (Attorney General Robert Kennedy) and (President) Lyndon Johnson. Walker stated that there has not even been an Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation.

Jones stated that a commitment must come from the Department of Justice that all reasonable steps will be taken to protect King's life. Jones also stated that the only pressure which will move Kennedy will be that which comes from prominent people as was done in Birmingham, Alabama.

Walker suggested they contact James Baldwin (the writer who has been active in the civil rights movement) and people like him. Jones agreed with this but stated he would also like to get some people in the city government of New York City and other civic-minded people. Jones indicated he would work on something to be sent to the Justice Department in connection with the safety of King.

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nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property

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Communist Party, United States  
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Executive Order 10450.

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June 9, 1964

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

To: SACs, Jacksonville  
Atlanta  
New York

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From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York teletype to Bureau, Atlanta and Jacksonville 6-8-64, "CPUSA, Negro Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters, IS-C," which reported on a conversation between Clarence Jones and Wyatt Walker concerning threats on the life of King and that pressure was going to be brought to bear on the Administration for possible protection of King's life.

Jacksonville is instructed to immediately alert local authorities, St. Augustine, Florida, of the concern King apparently has relative to threats upon his life. This should be done notwithstanding the fact that the same local authorities are undoubtedly already aware of threats which have been made on King. Of course, no specific reference should be made to the Jones-Walker conversation nor the fact that King elements intend to bring pressure to bear upon the Administration.

Atlanta, as origin in the King matter, should insure that whenever specific information is received relative to a threat on King's life, local law enforcement agencies, the military and Secret Service are advised. If the threat pertains to an area away from Atlanta, the appropriate field office should be instructed to advise local law enforcement authorities, the military and Secret Service. 100-106670-37

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June 8, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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1 - Mr. Forsyth  
1 - Mr. Ryan  
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ReAirtel 6/2/64, copy to New York, reporting information obtained 5/31/64 which indicated evidences of marital discord on the part of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his wife, Coretta. It will be recalled that earlier this year there was some small evidence of dissatisfaction on the part of Coretta because of her husband's being away from home so much. The current situation, however, appears to be more pointed and could conceivably result in a breach between the principals.

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The contents of this communication should be handled on a need-to-know basis. b(1)

2 - New York (100-151548) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

(1) - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-30116) DATE: June 8, 1964

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-4655) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Reference San Francisco letter and letterhead memorandum, dated May 5, 1964, bearing dual caption as above.

Referenced letterhead memorandum on page five set out information from the "Stanford Daily, April 28, 1964, to the effect that an orientation and training center for participants in "Project Mississippi" would be conducted by the National Council of Churches at Bera, (Berea), Kentucky, beginning June 15, 1964.

The Courier-Journal, Louisville, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation on May 22, 1964, reported that Dr. FRANCIS HUTCHINS, President of Berea College, had announced that he had canceled plans for the school to provide space for a program to train civil-rights workers, saying, "We didn't think it was wise to proceed." The story indicated that the program, developed by the National Council of Churches' commission on religion and race, would be held instead at Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio.

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HUTCHINS was reported as stating that there was no critical reaction in the Berea area regarding the program, but that he heard from other parts of the country.

The story noted that the program was set up to encourage Negro-voter registration.

Louisville has no further information.

FBI

Date: 6/8/64

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
 NEGRO QUESTION  
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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 LA 100-24345B

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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 DATE 12-26-79

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Re Los Angeles airtel, 6/4/64.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau, Atlanta and San Francisco are xeroxed copies of a "leaflet" in the form of an affidavit which was reportedly written by KARL PRUSSION described as a former counterspy for the FBI from 1947 to 1960.

According to an article by CURT TUCK, writing in the "Fresno Bee," a Fresno, California, metropolitan publication, dated June 2, 1964, the leaflet was distributed by about eight persons in the entrance of Ratcliffe Stadium, Fresno, on 6/1/64, wherein MARTIN LUTHER KING appeared as a guest speaker at a function known as a "Witness of Faith for Freedom Rally." TUCK's article stated that one JAMES SCOTT, a member of the local (Fresno) John Birch Society unit, said the leaflets were being passed out by a group known as Alert Americans Group,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 1046, Fresno.

It will be noted the affidavit by PRUSSION in part points out that KING has either been a member of, or unwittingly has accepted support from, over 60 communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse communist causes. The affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before a Notary Public on 9/28/63.

For the information of the Atlanta Division, the Bureau has in the past pointed out that KARL PRUSSION assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not, however, a Special Agent. The Bureau noted his actions have been personal ventures and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

FBI

Date: June 8, 1964

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3116)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-11738)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Re Atlanta tel to Bureau, 6/5/64.

Enclosed are six copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING delivered the baccalaureate address at the commencement exercises of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, on June 7, 1964.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is

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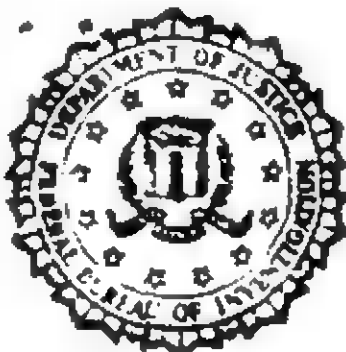
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New Haven, Connecticut

June 8, 1964

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 7, 1964, that the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING delivered the baccalaureate address at the commencement exercises of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, on June 7, 1964.

The source advised that after the completion of his address, Reverend KING departed by private car at 12:30 p.m. for New York, New York, where he was scheduled to receive an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

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DATE 12-26-79 BY 9803 RDD/HR

FBI

Date: 6/6/64

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL REGISTERED

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,  
 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION  
 COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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 (Bufile 100-3-116)  
 (SD 100-13117)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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 (Bufile 100-106670)  
 (SD 100-13230)

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Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 4/14/64;  
 Atlanta radiogram to the Bureau, 5/21/64.

Enclosed are the original and six copies of a  
 letterhead memorandum dated as above and captioned "TALKS  
 BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE  
 AND CALIFORNIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
 ON MAY 29, 1964." Copies are being furnished to offices  
 having an interest in this matter.

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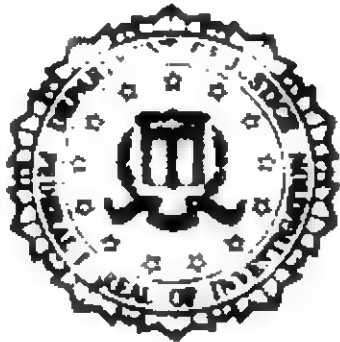
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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San Diego, California  
June 6, 1964

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TALKS BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
ON MAY 29, 1964

[REDACTED] that at  
2:00 PM on May 29, 1964, Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
spoke to a near-capacity crowd of approximately 1,500 people  
in the Open Air Theater at San Diego State College, San  
Diego, California. (u)

KING emphasized the importance of passing the  
civil rights legislation now in Congress and of defeating  
the initiative to nullify present California civil rights  
statutes which will be on the November ballot. He pointed  
out that man's scientific genius has made the world one  
in a geographic sense, but now man must make the world one  
in the terms of brotherhood and peace. He said people  
must get rid of the idea that there are superior and inferior  
races. KING called for immediate action to rid the country  
of segregation. He said civil rights leaders realize that  
integration can be achieved only when all men truly want  
it, but that legislation is needed to change men's habits,  
after which the change of heart will follow. KING urged  
passage of the civil rights bill now pending in the Senate,  
warning that its defeat might bring peril to the nation  
and that the evil forces keeping the racial problem in  
existence might become malignant and bring the races an  
incurable cancer.

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There were no incidents or arrests at this meeting.

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TALKS BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
ON MAY 29, 1964

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[REDACTED] that at  
8:00 PM on May 29, 1964, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. addressed  
an estimated 11,000 people at California Western University  
in San Diego, California. Attendance figures accounted  
for 9,000 people in the Golden Gym and another 2,000 listening  
over loudspeakers in the open-air Greek Theater. (L)

KING stated, "It is a desecration of the American  
heritage to have so perverted the intent of the framers of  
our Constitution, that freedom has been withheld from whole  
sections of our populace because of racial diversity. It  
is a defiance of our law to refuse to grant its protection  
equally and impartially to all our people." KING told the  
story of Rip Van Winkle with a modern connotation: "Too  
many Caucasians are sleeping through a revolution. By the  
time they awake, tragedy that could have been avoided will  
have caught them in its wake."

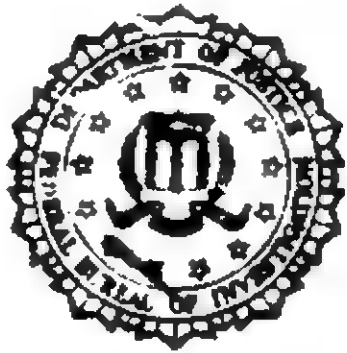
Local ministers were asked to take their proverbial  
role of leadership because "an apathetic church is betraying  
its trust." Sponsors of the program were Western Christian  
Leadership Conference, Southeastern Interdenominational  
Ministerial Alliance, San Diego County Council of Churches,  
San Diego Ministerial Association, Associated Studentbody  
of California Western University, and United Church Women  
of San Diego. The choir of Calvary Baptist Church presented  
appropriate selections.

Derogatory literature was distributed to those  
entering the campus by persons believed to be John Birchers.  
There were no incidents or arrests.

The San Diego Police Department was cognizant of  
these public functions.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Diego, California  
June 6, 1964

Title TALKS BY REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE AND CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA,  
ON MAY 29, 1964

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum captioned as  
above, dated June 6, 1964, at San Diego,  
California

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LEE CALVIN WHITE

DATE: 6-5-64

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A June 5, 1964, United Press International Press Release carried an item indicating that Negro leader, Martin Luther King, Jr., said President Johnson had assured him through Special Assistant Lee White that he was keeping an eye on racial developments in St. Augustine, Florida. King said he talked with White on three occasions in recent days and said he was told "the Federal Government would not stand by while the rights of Negroes are not protected." The Director inquired, "What do we know about Lee White?"

White was investigated by the Bureau at the request of the White House during December, 1960, and January, 1961, at which time he was being considered for the position of White House assistant special counsel.

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[REDACTED] Subsequent to the afore-mentioned investigation, White was designated in April, 1962, to handle civil rights problems with the Attorney General, on behalf of the White House.

RECOMMENDATION: For the Director's information.

1 - Mr. Tolson

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(RACIAL)

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. -- NEGRO LEADER MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SAID LAST NIGHT HE HAS BEEN MARKED FOR DEATH HERE BUT HE WILL NOT ABANDON A CAMPAIGN TO DESEGREGATE PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE NATION'S OLDEST CITY. "WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT OF NO RETURN IN ST. AUGUSTINE," HE TOLD A RALLY OF ABOUT 300 INTEGRATIONISTS AT ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH. "THERE WILL BE NO TURNING BACK."

KING RETURNED LAST NIGHT FROM A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO CALIFORNIA WHERE HE SAID HE WAS TOLD OF A PLOT TO KILL HIM WHEN HE CAME BACK HERE. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE ALLEGED PLOT, BUT QUOTED FROM AN OLD SPIRITUAL: "BEFORE I'LL BE A SLAVE, I'LL BE BURIED IN MY GRAVE."

HE LATER TOLD NEWSMEN THE THREAT WAS TELEPHONED TO NEGRO LEADERS HERE AND THEY CONTACTED HIM IN CALIFORNIA. KING SAID HE DIDN'T BOTHER TO GET DETAILS OF THE THREAT AND WAS NOT TAKING ANY SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS.

BUT THE NEGRO LEADER DID NOT STAY IN THE BEACH COTTAGE HE RENTED IN A WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE SUMMER WHICH WAS STRAFED LAST WEEK DURING THE HEIGHT OF RACIAL TROUBLE HERE. NO ONE WAS IN THE COTTAGE WHEN IT WAS RIDDLED BY 19 BULLETS.

KING SAID PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD ASSURED HIM -- THROUGH SPECIAL ASSISTANT LEE WHITE -- THAT HE WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON RACIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ST. AUGUSTINE.

KING SAID HE TALKED WITH WHITE ON THREE OCCASIONS IN RECENT DAYS AND SAID HE WAS TOLD "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ~~FORGET~~ WHILE THE RIGHTS OF NEGROES ARE NOT PROTECTED."

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to DeLoach memo

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Date: 6/5/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (P)

RE: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
IS-C  
Bureau file 100-3-116  
Atlanta file 100-6520-A

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Bureau file 100-106670  
Atlanta file 100-5586

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Re Atlanta teletype to the Bureau and New York  
dated 6/2/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
of a Letterhead Memorandum, suitable for dissemination.  
Enclosed for New York are six (6) copies and for Baltimore  
two (2) copies of the Letterhead Memorandum.

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- 7- Bureau (3-100-3-116) (Enc. 10) (RM)  
(3-100-106670)  
2- Baltimore (1- 100-CP, USA, Negro Question) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
(1- 100-Lawrence Reddick)  
6- New York (1- 100-151548) (Enc. 6) (RM)  
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(1- 100-149194) (SCLC)  
(1- 100-Cleveland Robinson)  
(1- 100-46729) (Bayard Rustin)  
(1- 100-Ralph Helstein)

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(1- 100-5586) (Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
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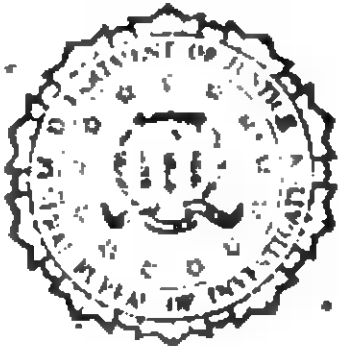
NEW YORK

Attempt to identify RALPH HALSTEIN, who may attend the 6/7/64 meeting with KING and others.

The enclosed Letterhead Memorandum has been classified SECRET because it contains information from a highly sensitive source with respect to the Racial Situation in the Atlanta area. It is felt this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia  
June 5, 1964

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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HARRY H. WACHTEL

HARRY H. WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President  
for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East  
40th Street, New York City.

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A Characterization of the National Lawyers Guild  
is attached hereto.

LAWRENCE REDDICK (C)

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The source further stated that REDDICK was an  
instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

The George Washington Carver School has been  
designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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BAYARD RUSTIN

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails a Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator STROM THURMOND, BAYARD RUSTIN admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. RUSTIN also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CLEVELAND ROBINSON is a leader of an unknown local  
of New York City.

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"THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers' Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950).
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the\*\*\* National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc.117, April 23, 1956, P. 91).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Atlanta, Georgia  
June 5, 1964

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Title	COMMUNIST PARTY, USA NEGRO QUESTION COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTER  MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Character	IS-C; SM-C
Reference	Letterhead Memorandum dated June 5, 1964, captioned as above.

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**AIRTEL**

**REGISTERED - AIR MAIL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

**ATTENTION: Civil Rights Section,  
General Investigative Division**

**FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-24345)**

**RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION;  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
IS - C  
Bufile 100-3-116  
LA file 100-24345**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Bufile 100-106670  
LA file 100-57229**

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Re Los Angeles airtel dated 6/1/64 captioned  
as above.

Forwarded herewith to the Bureau are the original  
and six copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as  
follows: "WITNESS OF FAITH FOR FREEDOM RALLY; DEMONSTRATION  
MARCH AGAINST INITIATIVE TO NULLIFY RUMFORD HOUSING ACT,  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, June 1, 1964".

One copy of the above letterhead memorandum is  
also being forwarded to the Atlanta Office as an enclosure  
with a copy of this airtel for information.

Information contained in the memorandum was  
obtained by SA [REDACTED]

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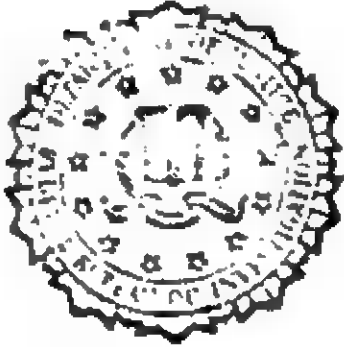
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[REDACTED] and from press coverage of the event.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Los Angeles, California

June 4, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WITNESS OF FAITH FOR FREEDOM  
RALLY; DEMONSTRATION MARCH  
AGAINST INITIATIVE TO NULLIFY  
RUMFORD HOUSING ACT, FRESNO,  
CALIFORNIA, June 1, 1964

[REDACTED] b7(D)  
[REDACTED] advised that Martin Luther King, Jr. arrived in Fresno, California from San Francisco by plane at 4:12 p.m. on June 1, 1964. After press interviews at the airport and dinner he briefly addressed a group of approximately five hundred marchers assembled at steps of the Fresno High School beginning at 6:45 p.m. Thereafter, he led a march of this predominantly white group approximately nine tenths of a mile to Ratcliffe Stadium where he addressed a crowd estimated at three thousand persons.

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[REDACTED] the march was a demonstration against the pending legislative initiative which would nullify the Rumford Housing Act outlawing discrimination in housing in California.

"The Fresno Bee", a daily metropolitan Fresno, California newspaper dated June 2, 1964, in an article by Curt Tuck reported that the rally at the stadium was designated as a "Witness of Faith For Freedom Rally" which was sponsored by the Fresno Area Council of Churches, the West Fresno Interdenomination Ministerial Alliance and the Fresno Inter Faith Social Action Council.

At the rally King termed his non-violent civil rights movement "a struggle for noble ends of integration through non-violent ends of love".

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WITNESS OF FAITH FOR FREEDOM  
RALLY; DEMONSTRATION MARCH  
AGAINST INITIATIVE TO NULLIFY  
RUMFORD HOUSING ACT, FRESNO,  
CALIFORNIA, June 1, 1964

The Fresno Police Department searched the stadium prior to the rally after receiving a call that a bomb would go off in the stadium when the rally started; but nothing was found and the call was discounted. At a reception following the rally King stated that he receives about three threats a day, according to the article.

About eight persons were at the stadium entrance passing out leaflets in the form of an affidavit by Karl Prussion, described as a former Federal Bureau of Investigation counter-spy, which purported to connect King with communist organizations.

James Scott, who identified himself as a member of the Fresno John Birch Society Unit said that the leaflets were being distributed by a group known as Alert Americans group, some of whom were members of the John Birch Society, but not all.

[REDACTED] following the reception after the rally King left Fresno by plane that evening. [REDACTED] also advised there were no arrests or incidents at the above "Rally" and "Walk". b7(D)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)  
SUBJECT: CPUSA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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(OO: NY)

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Source used in the letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

Sources used in the characterizations in the letterhead memorandum are as follows: (a)

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(1-100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
2-Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION) (Encl. 2) (Info)(RM)  
(1-100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
1-New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
1-New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)  
1-New York (100-53383) (LAWRENCE REDDICK)  
1-New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)  
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NYO does not know the identity of RALPH mentioned in the letterhead memorandum, but the possibility exists that this is RALPH HELSTEIN, who is President of United Packinghouse, Food, and Allied Workers.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED]. This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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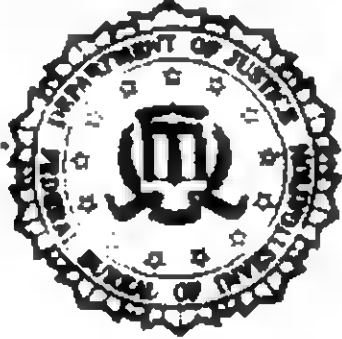
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[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the Interfaith Hospital and KING's interest in it.

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New York, New York  
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Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America -  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in  
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On June 2, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King, Jr., on that date. Jones stated that he had received numerous inquiries about King's connection with the Interfaith Hospital in Jamaica (New York), and King replied that his connections were only through his connection with the Baptist Church. King told Jones that the Baptists are thinking about taking the hospital over. Jones advised King to be careful because "the hospital has a bad reputation for violations of the code."

Jones told King that he had completed the article concerning the "Counter-Revolution" and that he had sent it to King.

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King asked if Dora (Dora Mc Donald, King's Secretary) had contacted Harry Wachtel about the meeting on Sunday (June 7, 1964), and Jones replied that he did not know. King mentioned that he had been trying to contact Bayard Rustin in order to have him at the meeting. Jones stated he would take care of contacting Rustin.

On June 2, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones contacted Harry Wachtel on that date. Jones asked him if he had contacted Bayard Rustin, and Wachtel replied that he was not supposed to contact Rustin. Wachtel stated that he was supposed to call Larry Reddick. Jones said that he would contact Rustin, Cleveland Robinson (Secretary - Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations) and Ralph. Wachtel mentioned that the meeting is scheduled for this Sunday (June 7, 1964) at 8:00 p.m. at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, but he also mentioned that there is a possibility that the meeting could be held at a different location.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.



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The source further stated that Reddick was an instructor at the George Washington Carver School.

The George Washington Carver School has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Communist Party,  
United States of America -  
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

Harry H. Wachtel is the Executive Vice-President for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised

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" 'making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)"



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With respect to the article concerning  
the "Counter-Revolution," it is to be  
noted that Jones was requested by King  
to prepare an article on "The Impact of  
the Counter - Revolution as symbolized by  
Governor Wallace" (Governor George Wallace  
of Alabama).

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
IS-C  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYtel to Bureau, 5/28/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, and two copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

Sources used in the LHM are as follows:

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- 4- Bureau (ENCLS. 6) (RM)  
(1- 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
2- Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION) (ENCLS. 2)  
(INFO) (RM)  
(1- 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
1- New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
1- New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)  
1- New York

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This LHM has been classified "Secret." because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. b(2) b7(D)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

June 1, 1964

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CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JMW/LL  
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2  
FCIM, II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 6-1-84  
6026

Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security-C

On May 28, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Joan Daves (the publisher's representative of Martin Luther King's forthcoming book) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Jones, in response to a question from Daves, stated that King is fine, and Jones assured her that King will not mention anything in his next speech which "will tip off the contents" of his (King's) forthcoming book. Jones informed her that he is working on the draft of a bill concerning deprived Negroes, and he mentioned that this bill will be modeled after the German Reparations Bill and will be presented by Martin Luther King to the Johnson Administration. Daves stated that she thought it was a wonderful idea.

Daves stated that she and Jones should consult on what King is to say at the press conference on June 8, 1964 concerning King's new book. Jones agreed that they should discuss the matter.

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Communist Party, United States of  
America-Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters

On May 30, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Dora Mc Donald (Martin Luther King's secretary) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Mc Donald requested Jones to prepare an article on "The Impact of the Counter-Revolution as symbolized by Governor Wallace" (Governor George Wallace of Alabama) and mail a copy of it to Martin Luther King at the Hyatt House Hotel in Los Angeles, California, and a copy to the Atlanta Office (of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.)

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
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IS-C  
(OO: NY)

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ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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DATE 10/22/77 6/1/64

SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

Re New York airtel to Bureau and letterhead memorandum,  
dated 5/21/64; Bureau airtel to New York, 5/27/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above; one copy is  
enclosed for Atlanta and one for New Haven.

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is

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Sources used in the characterizations in the  
letterhead memorandum are as follows:

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 7) (RM)  
{ 1 - 100-438794 } { COMINFIL SCLC }  
{ 1 - 100-106670 } { MARTIN LUTHER KING }  
1 - Atlanta (100-5586) { MARTIN LUTHER KING } (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1 - New Haven (100-5586) { MARTIN LUTHER KING } (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-149194) { COMINFIL SCLC } (41)  
1 - New York (100-73250) { CLARENCE JONES } (42)  
1 - New York (100-136585) { MARTIN LUTHER KING } (42)  
1 - New York (100-111180) { STANLEY LEVISON } (42)  
1 - New York (100-46729) { BAYARD RUSTIN } (42)  
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Physical surveillances were conducted on 5/20/64, by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to determine if CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON met that night as planned; however, no information was developed which would indicate the meeting was held. b7(c)

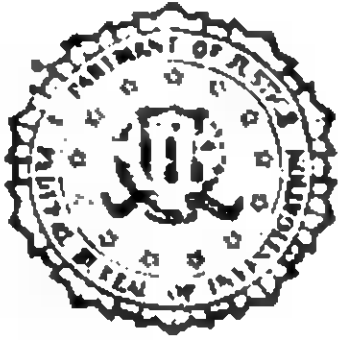
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
June 1, 1964

Bureau 100-3-116

11-21-80  
CLASSIFIED AND EXTENDED BY SP4 JDM/LS  
REASON FOR EXTENSION 2  
FORM 11, 1-64  
DATE OF REVIEW FOR DECLASSIFICATION 6-1-84  
6076

Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On May 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. It was agreed by both men that they would meet on Wednesday, May 20, 1964, at 10:00 PM. ~~X~~

In their discussion, they mentioned Rustin (Bayard Rustin), and Clarence Jones said he could not understand how a man of Rustin's experience could be so stupid. Levison replied that he felt Rustin probably read too many of his press clippings. ~~X~~

Jones asked Levison if he could give him any figures on contributions (to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC). Levison stated that the contributions have been getting worse for some time now, and he said that "when they first started they were getting \$1.00 for every piece of mail (mail sent out in the SCLC mailing program) they were sending out; by December, 1963, they were getting \$.50, and now they are getting \$.33 per piece of mail". ~~X~~

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
of America - Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

On May 20, 1964, the confidential source furnished information that Dora McDonald (Martin Luther King's secretary) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She stated that King will arrive at Kennedy International Airport on May 22, 1964, at 4:45 PM, on United Air Lines Flight 806. She inquired if King was to give a speech or a sermon in Connecticut that night, and Jones replied that it will be in the nature of a semi-sermon and that the people in Connecticut requested that King wear clerical garb. Jones told her to assure King that he can say what he likes on Friday.

With respect to King's appearance in Connecticut, on May 22, 1964, it is to be noted that King was scheduled to speak before the Council of Reformed Rabbis, Westport, Connecticut, on May 22, 1964.

With respect to the reference by Levison and Jones to Bayard Rustin and his experience and press clippings, it is to be noted that a demonstration took place on May 18, 1964, in New York City, at City Hall, protesting the racial imbalance in New York City Public Schools. Bayard Rustin organized the demonstration which fell far short of the anticipated numerical participation. ~~X~~

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
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Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
Internal Security -

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.

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Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin  
also reportedly stated that he broke completely  
with the YCL in June, 1941.

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Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Communist Party, United States  
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The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

I was very confidentially advised by an SAC Contact today that he had learned MARTIN LUTHER KING would be among the approximately dozen people awarded a Doctor of Laws degree by Yale University at the regular commencement on Monday, June 15, 1964.

Apparently all arrangements have now been made and are firmed up for this event.

It is also understood Ambassador Averill Harriman and one of the senators from Kentucky will also be awarded degrees.

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for this policy. It is a policy which will be most effective in the long run.

Sincerely yours,

**J. Edgar Hoover**

**JUN 3 - 1964**

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San Diego California  
May 25th 1964

Dear Sir.

Will you please send me information  
about Dr. Martin Luther King. is he or has he  
ever been associated with the Communist party?  
I will appreciate any information  
regarding Dr King.

Respectfully yours

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San Diego, Calif 92113

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
RE : CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Bureau 100-3-116  
LA 100-24345B

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS  
SECTION, GENERAL INVESTI-  
GATIVE DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Bureau 100-105670

LA 100-57229

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Reairtel Los Angeles to Director dated 5/20/64,  
captioned as above.

Enclosed are original and six copies of a letterhead  
memorandum dated as above and captioned "RELIGIOUS WITNESS FOR  
HUMAN DIGNITY" rally at Coliseum, Los Angeles, California,  
5/31/64. Copies are being furnished to offices having an  
interest in this matter.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-28-79

The letterhead memorandum has been classified  
confidential since data furnished by informant might  
compromise this source.

- 7 - Bureau (3 - 100-3-116) (3 - 100-105670) (1 - 100- Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference) (Encs. 7)  
2 - New York (1 - 100-151548) (1 - 100-46729) (Encs. 2)  
1 - San Diego (100-CP, USA, Negro Question) (Enc. 1)  
1 - San Francisco (100-CP, USA, Negro Question) (Enc. 1)  
1 - Phoenix (100-CP, USA, Negro Question) (Enc. 1)  
4 - Atlanta (1 - 100-6520-A) (1 - 100-5585 KING) (1 - 100-106670)  
(1 - 157-159 WYATT WALKER) (1 - 100-5713 SCIC) (Encs. 4)  
4 - Los Angeles (1 - 100-24345B) (1 - 100-57229 KING) (1 - 100-  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (1 - 157-822  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
June 1, 1964

"RELIGIOUS WITNESS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY"  
rally at Coliseum, Los Angeles,  
California, May 31, 1964

The Council of Churches in Southern California, the Western Christian Leadership Conference, the Board of Rabbis, and the Catholic Human Relations Council of Los Angeles sponsored a rally at the Coliseum, Los Angeles, California, on May 31, 1964, with the theme "Religious Witness for Human Dignity."

Paul Weeks, Staff Writer, Los Angeles Times, a local newspaper, at Section I, Page 5, on June 1, 1964, stated that Reverend Martin Luther King spoke before 14,893 persons, including 200 religious leaders, urging quick passage of the national civil rights bill and defeat of the California initiative to nullify the Rumford Housing Act. He said demonstrations must expose the injustices in our system, but direct action "must be non-violent and peaceful."

*Calif* Above article stated that other speakers included Samuel W. Yorty, Mayor of Los Angeles, Dr. Myron C. Cole, President of the Council of Churches in Southern California, and Rabbi Paul Dubin, President of the Board of Rabbis in Southern California.

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"RELIGIOUS WITNESS FOR HUMAN DIGNITY"  
rally at Coliseum, Los Angeles,  
California, May 31, 1964

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past states that there were no incidents and no arrests at above meeting.

The Los Angeles Police Department, in view of the wide public notification, was cognizant of this public function.

One copy of this memorandum has been furnished to Region II, 115th INTC, U.S. Army, Pasadena, California, for information.

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10:12 PM EST URGENT 5-28-64 RLB  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM JACKSONVILLE 282343

RACIAL SITUATION, ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, RM.  
SOURCES ADVISE MARTIN LUTHER KING RENTED COTTAGE AT  
ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH FOR THREE MONTHS. TOOK POSSESSION MAY 27,  
1964. OWNER OF COTTAGE IS DR. CYRIL M. CANRIGHT, BOUND BROOK,  
N.Y., TELEPHONE EL 6-9498. COTTAGE IS IN WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD  
WHICH IS NEXT TO A PUBLIC COLORED BEACH AREA. KING IS IN CLOSE  
CONTACT WITH R.B. HAYLING WHO HAS AN OFFICE AT 79 BRIDGE ST.  
(COLORED SECTION).

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE A MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE  
AND TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE SURVEY TO COVER THE COTTAGE AND ALSO  
THE BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE OF R. B. HAYLING.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/26/64

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Rosack

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND,  
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The "Jackson Daily News" Jackson, Mississippi, 5/18/64, Page 18, contained an article captioned "Charges King Accepted Money From Group Labeled Subversive," which article charges that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., accepted money from the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), which was labeled as subversive. The article includes a reprint of a check in the amount of \$167.74 issued 3/7/63 by the SCEF to King. A notation is included on this check indicating that the check was issued for "N.Y. exp." The article charges that King accepted this money in spite of his claims that his Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which he is head "investigates any leaders" charged with communistic associations.

This information is not new. The article is obviously based on "The Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities State of Louisiana" Report Number 4 dated 11/19/63 concerning the activities of the SCEF. Page 101 of this report contains a reproduction of the above-mentioned check and this State of Louisiana report is obviously the source of the information appearing in the above-mentioned article. The report is available to the general public.

The above-mentioned report sets forth the results of the hearings of the State of Louisiana Committee and for the most part is unspecific as to dates of Communist Party membership on the part of SCEF Director, also contains many conclusions, inferences and hearsay evidence which nevertheless lead to specific factual conclusions by the Committee. These hearings resulted in a raid on the SCEF on 10/4/63 by Louisiana State Police and New Orleans Police. As a result of the raids, leaders of the SCEF were arrested for violation of the Louisiana Subversive Activities and Communist Control law, the constitutionality of which is being tested in the courts. We have stayed out of this entire matter in view of the considerable legal and political implications involved.

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The SCEF is currently under investigation as a Communist Party front group and reports have been furnished to the Department on a continuing basis. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which King is the head is currently under investigation for the purpose of determining the extent of communist influence, domination and/or control. Reports concerning this investigation have also been furnished to the Department.

**ACTION:**

None. For information.



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# Charges King Accepted Money From Group Labeled Subversive

Speaking to the North Jackson Exchange Club Friday night, Erle Johnston Jr., director of the State Sovereignty Commission, said Dr. Martin Luther King had accepted money from an organization labeled as subversive in spite of his claims that his Southern Christian Leadership Conference "investigates any leaders" charged with Communistic associations.

Johnston showed members of the club photostat copies of the face and back of a check for \$67.74 made out to King by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., of New Orleans. The check, indicating payment for "N. Y. exp.," was signed by SCEF executive director James Dombrowski and treasurer Benjamin E. Smith, both of whom were indicted by a Louisiana grand jury for violating Louisiana's subversive laws.

"The SCEF was the successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare," Johnston said, "which was branded as subversive by both the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Securities Committee."

"It has the same officers, same address, and same telephone number and publishes the same newspaper, The Southern Patriot, that was published by the SCHW. One of its field organizers is Carl Braden, an identified Communist who spent

ten months in federal prison for contempt of Congress."

## CRITICIZED HOOVER

Johnston noted that Dr. King publicly criticized FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for associating Communists with civil rights groups.

Dr. King said in his statement the Southern Conference Educational Fund would "investigate any of its officials charged with Communistic activities."

"Maybe Dr. King should have himself investigated for accepting this money from the SCEF," Johnston said.

an editor of the Mississippi Law Journal.

A recently issued report by the Joint Committee of the Louisiana Legislature linked SCEF by common membership with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, a Castro front, and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

It ties Martin Luther King to James Dombrowsky, Benjamin Smith and Bruce Walzer, all three under indictment for multiple violations of the Louisiana anti-Communist statutes.

Among numerous other documented exhibits the report reproduced is a photograph of Dr. King at a meeting with Anne Braden, Carl Braden and Dombrowsky, all identified by the report as Communists.

The report traces Communist-led race riots, which began in the South and moved to the North, through a maze of names like Bayard Rustin and King which reappeared last summer in the march on Washington.

The Louisiana Report makes this summary:

"THE INFILTRATION of the Communist party into the so-called civil rights movement through the Southern Conference Educational Fund is shocking and highly dangerous to this State and the nation. . .

"... evidence before us is quite conclusive, that the civil rights movement has been grossly and solidly infiltrated by the Communist party. . .

"Martin Luther King has closely connected his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with the Southern Conference Educational Fund and the Communist personalities. . . King has cynically betrayed his responsibilities as a Christian minister and a political leader.

"The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, from all the evidence before us, is substantially under the Communist party. . .

"We urge those who have fallen into the trap . . . to honestly evaluate the solid evidence reproduced in this report and to repudiate the false leadership of the Communists."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 18

JACKSON DAILY NEWS  
JACKSON, MISS.

Date: 5/18/64

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: Southern Conference Educational Fund

Character: IS-C

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Classification: 100-10355

Submitting Office: New Orleans

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Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. 4153  
 822 Perdido Street  
 NEW ORLEANS, LA March 7 1963  
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 \*\*\*\*\* One hundred sixty-seven dollars and 74/100 \*\*\*\*\*  
 N.Y. END. WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION  
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May 22, 1964

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

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(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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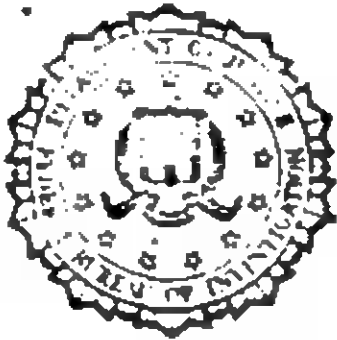
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Baltimore will furnish current information concerning Dr. LAWRENCE REDDICK, Baltimore, Maryland.

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- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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4:48 PM PST URGENT 5-27-64 L.S.  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM SAN FRANCISCO 271937

IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W.C. SULLIVAN  
COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN  
RACIAL MATTERS, IS - C; MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

RE BUTEL CALL MAY 26, LAST.

INVESTIGATION IN SAN FRANCISCO TO DATE REVEALS THE FOLLOWING  
SITUATION:

THERE IS AN INITIATIVE ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT TO REPEAL  
THE RUMFORD FAIR HOUSING LEGISLATION RECENTLY BECOME LAW.  
ALL TYPES OF RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE UNITED TO  
OPPOSE THE INITIATIVE REPEALING THIS LEGISLATION. IN THE SAN  
FRANCISCO AREA THEY HAVE PLANNED A GIGANTIC RALLY ON SATURDAY  
NIGHT, MAY 30 NEXT, AT THE CON PALACE WHICH WILL BE THE SCENE  
OF THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION, TO ENGENDER  
SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE INITIATIVE.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING IS GOING TO BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT  
THIS RALLY.

AS A CONSEQUENCE HIS PRESENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS  
RECEIVED EXTENSIVE WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY WITH QUARTER - PAGE  
NEWSPAPER HEADLINES AND RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMENTS, ETC. THE  
NEWSPAPER THIS MORNING AND TELEVISION AND RADIO LAST NIGHT  
CARRIED THE RESULTS OF A CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY THE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF SAN FRANCISCO AND ATTENDED BY  
BASIC CATHOLIC MINISTERS YESTERDAY, IN WHICH THE ARCHBISHOP STATED  
THAT THE RUMFORD FAIR HOUSING ACT WAS IMMORAL AND  
AT WHICH ALL PRESENT URGED SUPPORT OF THE RALLY TO BE ADDRESSED

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BY MARTIN LUTHER KING NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT. THEREFORE KING'S PRESENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO IS NOT ONLY WIDELY KNOWN, BUT IS OF EXTRAORDINARY AND CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC INTEREST. EXTREMELY DISCREET INQUIRY REVEALS THAT THE KING PARTY HAS RESERVATIONS AT THE BRAND NEW SAN FRANCISCO HILTON HOTEL AND ALSO AT THE SHERATON PALACE HOTEL. THE INTERIOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO HILTON IS STILL PARTIALLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INSTALLATION AT VARIOUS PARTS OF THE HOTEL, LIGHTING, LAMPS, FURNITURE, RUGS, ETC. IT RECEIVED ITS FIRST GUEST YESTERDAY IN THAT PART OF THE HOTEL WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETED. WORKERS OF ALL KINDS ARE STILL ENGAGED IN MAKING INSTALLATIONS OF MANY TYPES AT THIS INCOMPLETE HOTEL. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THUS FAR, IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT FULL SECURITY COULD BE ASSURED TO MAKE AN INSTALLATION AT THAT HOTEL.

[REDACTED]

THE OTHER HOTEL WHERE THE KING PARTY HAS RESERVATIONS, THE SHERATON PALACE, WAS THE SCENE OF THE TWO SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS IN LATE FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH WHERE MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED DURING THE COURSE OF SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING

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ALLEGED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BY THAT HOTEL. MANY OF THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISMISSED DUE TO A LEGAL TECHNICALITY, BUT SOME OF THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE CURRENTLY ON TRIAL IN THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL COURTS ON THE VARIOUS CHARGES RELATING FROM THE SECOND PALACE SIT-IN ON MARCH 7 LAST. A CURRENT CONTROVERSY IS RAGING OVER THESE TRIALS.

THE OFFICIALS OF THE PALACE HOTEL, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, REFUSED TO SIGN COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DEMONSTRATORS IN THE SECOND PALACE SIT-IN AND MADE WHAT APPEARS TO BE A COERCED AGREEMENT WITH THE DEMONSTRATORS AT THAT TIME TO HIRE MORE EMPLOYEES OF NEGRO AND OTHER MINORITY RACES. IN ADDITION, THE SHERATON CHAIN HAS CHANGED MANAGERS AT THE SHERATON PALACE SEVERAL TIMES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, AT THE PRESENT TIME, IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT WE COULD APPROACH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SHERATON PALACE AND OBTAIN THE FULL AND EXTREMELY DISCREET COOPERATION NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE FULL SECURITY.

SINCE KING'S VISIT HAS BEEN SO PROMINENTLY ADVERTISED WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE COULD COVER THE SITUATION AT THE PRESENT TIME WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE MANAGEMENT, WHICH IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND, IN FACT, PROBABLY JITTERY OVER THE RACIAL SITUATION. THEREFORE, SAN FRANCISCO IS RECOMMENDING AGAINST ATTEMPTING AN INSTALLATION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT FULL SECURITY CAN BE ASSURED.

HOWEVER, SAN FRANCISCO IS CONTINUING TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE WAYS OF ACCOMPLISHING THE COVERAGE DESIRED AND WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: May 27, 1964

FROM : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

JUNE

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Radiograms dated 5/21-22/64 from Atlanta indicate that Martin Luther King, Jr., is to be in San Francisco from May 28 to May 31, 1964. It was indicated that King and his party would probably stay at the Sheraton Palace Hotel while in San Francisco.

I spoke to SAC Lynum, San Francisco, 5/27/64 and told him that it was desired that coverage be maintained during this current visit. SAC Lynum advised that S. \_\_\_\_\_ was considering what possible coverage could be given to King. \_\_\_\_\_ has been handled by that office on previous visit of King's in \_\_\_\_\_ 1964. He stated that coverage would only be considered if \_\_\_\_\_ and full security could be assured.

SAC Lynum stated that he would be in touch with \_\_\_\_\_ Bureau in connection with the \_\_\_\_\_ the San \_\_\_\_\_ office to effect coverage of King during his current visit.

## ACTION:

For your information.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bland
- 1 - Mr. Gandy
- 1 - Mr. Phillips

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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 TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND JACKSONVILLE  
 FROM TAMPA 252115

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SM - C, OO ATLANTA.

[REDACTED]

NO LHM SUBMITTED.

ATLANTA ADVISE JACKSONVILLE WHEN KING TO RETURN TO ST.  
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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES  
RE: CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Bureau 100-3-116  
LA 100-24345B  
  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
Bureau 100-106670  
LA 100-57229

Sources have advised that the appearance of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the Los Angeles Coliseum at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, 5/31/64 is being sponsored by the Council of Churches in Southern California, the Western Christian Leadership Conference, the Board of Rabbis, and the Catholic Human Relations Council of Los Angeles. The theme of this meeting is "Religious Witness for Human Dignity." This message to all Southern California religious leaders was issued by Dr. JULIAN KEISER, Council of Churches, and Rev. MANSFIELD COLLINS, Western Christian Leadership Conference.

- 7 - Bureau (3-100-3-116)(3-100-106670)(1-157-Western Christian Leadership Conference)  
2 - New York (1-100-151543) (1-100-46729)  
1 - San Diego (100-CP, USA, Negro Question) (REGULAR MAIL)  
1 - San Francisco (100-CP, USA, Negro Question)  
1 - Phoenix (100-CP, USA, Negro Question)  
4 - Atlanta (1-100-6520-A) (1-100-5586 KING) (1-157-169 WYATT WALKER) (1-100-5718 SCLC)  
4 - Los Angeles (1-100-24345B) (1-100-57229 KING) (1-157-859 Western Christian Leadership Conference) (1-157-822 MANSFIELD COLLINS)

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-14244) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION -  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL  
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DATE: BY: 11/11/11

Re Cincinnati teletype, 5/9/64; and Bureau airtel  
to Cincinnati, 5/14/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead  
memorandum containing information concerning appearance of  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 5/8/64. Two  
copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished Atlanta  
for information, and one copy is being furnished New York for  
information.

[REDACTED] Radio Station, was  
interviewed on 5/8/64, by SA [REDACTED] Contact b7(c)  
with [REDACTED] was initiated because at approximately 5:00 p.m.,  
5/8/64, SA [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] former  
Special Agent, currently [REDACTED] Cincinnati, Ohio,  
that he had just heard part of a local radio broadcast, during

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(3 - 100-3-116)  
(1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)  
(1 - 100-6520-D)  
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
1 - New York (100-151548) (Info.) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
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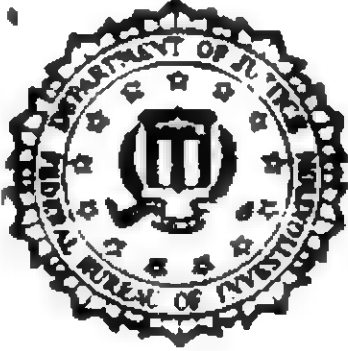
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which KING was quoted as having made statements critical of the FBI. It is noted that [REDACTED] advised radio station [REDACTED] Cincinnati, did not carry the remarks made by KING and there was no subsequent newspaper publicity in the Cincinnati, Ohio area given to the remarks made by KING as set forth in the letterhead memorandum. b7c



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CI 100-14244

Cincinnati, Ohio  
May 15, 1964

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] Radio Station, Cincinnati, Ohio, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that on this afternoon he covered a news conference held by Martin Luther King, Jr., at the Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, Ohio. [REDACTED] stated the news conference was held in connection with a speech to be given by King at 8:00 p.m., May 8, 1964, at Cincinnati Gardens before the convention of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME).

[REDACTED] stated that during the interview with King, a reporter asked King if he could make any statement concerning the fact that J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, had been recently quoted as stating that Communists were attempting to infiltrate racial organizations. [REDACTED] stated that King appeared to take offense to this question and became angry. King said the question was ridiculous and it was ridiculous to say that Communists were infiltrating racial groups. According to [REDACTED] King stated he wished the FBI and Director Hoover would pay more attention to the horrible situations regarding civil rights violations in the United States, such as church bombings.

[REDACTED] advised that after the news conference with King was concluded, he observed an individual, who was obviously an AME official, approach King. The AME official told King in words to the effect that King had not yet said anything about fund raising. [REDACTED] said King replied in words to the effect that the AME official should not worry as he would take care of the fund raising. King was heard to remind the

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AME official that half of the funds raised would go to AME  
and the other half would go to King for the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference.

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Via AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a  
 LHM dated and captioned as above; two copies are enclosed for  
 Atlanta.

Source used in the LHM

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 7) (RM)  
 (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL, SCLC)  
 (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)  
 2 - Atlanta (100-6520-A) (CP, USA, NEGRO QUESTION) (Encls. 2)  
 (Info) (RM)  
 (1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)  
 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)  
 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)  
 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)  
 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)  
 1 - New York (100-151548) (42)

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Sources used in the characterizations in the LHM are as follows: (C)

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[REDACTED] (C)

NYO has no further information concerning the letter about which JONES and KANTER talked. (U)

This LHM has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. (U)

[REDACTED] (C)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM SAC, TAMPA (100-716) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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(OO: Atlanta)

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ReBurad to Jacksonville, Atlanta, and Tampa 5/26/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies  
 of letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, which  
 is also being submitted to Atlanta as office of origin and  
 to Jacksonville for information.

Tampa will continue to follow this matter and will  
 keep the Bureau and interested offices advised.

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. JUN 1 1964

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By G. J. / w. l. r

2 cc's also to Org. Unit

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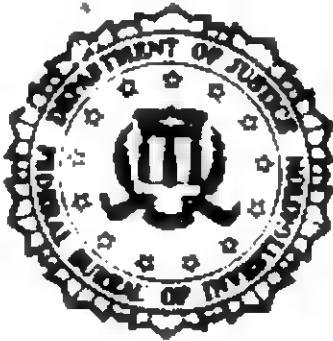
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida

May 27, 1964

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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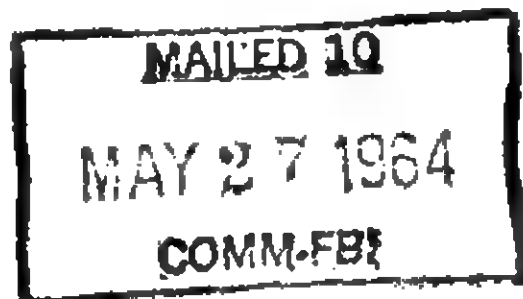
Dear [REDACTED]

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DATE 11-21-82 BY SP4 JMM

Your telegram of May 26th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret we are unable to help you but trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.  
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AS CHRISTIAN SPOKESMAN IN CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE. CARL PRUSSION  
STATEMENT BEING USED AS PROOF OF COMMUNIST IDENTIFICATION OF  
KING, CAN YOUR OFFICE VERIFY OR NEGATE THIS ACCUSATION OR PROVIDE  
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1 - Mr. Rosack  
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SAC, New York (100-151540)

May 27, 1964

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Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
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caption as well as "Hunter Pitts O'Dell, IS-C."  
Reference is also made to the New York airtels and  
letterhead memoranda referred to at the outset of  
New York letter 4/23/64.

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Letter to New York  
RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE  
IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Give this matter expeditious attention and keep  
the Bureau promptly advised of all pertinent developments.

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SAC, New York (100-151548)

June 1, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Forsyth

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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ReNYairtel, copies to Atlanta and Baltimore, 5/26/64, and enclosed letterhead memorandum (LEM) of same date. Lead was set out for Baltimore to furnish current information concerning Dr. Lawrence Reddick, a Baltimore resident. The LEM contained a characterization of Reddick but most of the information is concerning his subversive activities a considerable period of time ago.

It will be recalled that there was an indication that Reddick may be hired to do some research and writing for Martin Luther King, Jr., and that Reddick, at one time, traveled in India as an aide to King. On the other hand New York teletype 5/21/64 to Bureau, Atlanta and Baltimore, indicated that it appeared that Reddick would not associate with King currently because he is angry with King.

For the information of receiving offices the 5/26/64 LEM has been disseminated by the Bureau. Receiving offices should be extremely alert to any further indication that Reddick associates himself with King and as soon as any such information is developed it should be submitted promptly in the form of an LEM which should include as up to date a characterization of Reddick as possible. It is incumbent upon Baltimore to now furnish Atlanta and New York such a characterization so that it will be available in the event needed.

Baltimore is instructed to thoroughly review its file concerning Reddick and furnish the Bureau, in above caption, an LEM which will report any prior associations between King and Reddick.

2 - Baltimore  
2 - Atlanta (100-6520)

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA, NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above; one copy is enclosed for Atlanta and one for New Haven.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, the enclosed LHM contains the current characterization of STANLEY LEVISON.

- 5 - BUREAU (Encl. 7) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL-SCLC)
  - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1 - ATLANTA (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - NEW HAVEN (100- ) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-149194 (COMINFIL-SCLC) (41)
- 1 - NY 100-73250 (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1 - NY 100-111180 (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
- 1 - NY 100-46729 (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
- 1 - NY 100-151548 (42)

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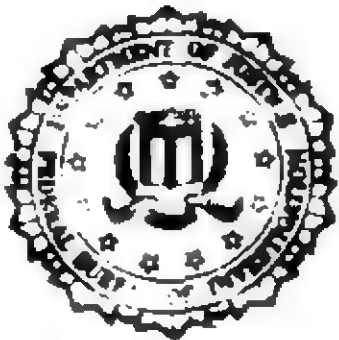
Physical surveillances were conducted on 5/20/64 by SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to determine if CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON met that night as planned; however, no information was developed which would indicate that the meeting was held. b7(C)

This LHM has been classified "Secret", because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature. (C) b(2) b7(D)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
May 21, 1964

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100-3-116

Re: Communist Party, USA,  
Negro Question  
Communist Influence In  
Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 18, 1964, that Ann Jones (wife of Clarence Jones) conferred with Stanley Levison on that date. Jones, according to the source, sought the aid of Levison in the campaign of Jonathan Bingham. Levison said he would attempt to get the President of the American Jewish Congress to issue a statement to the effect that Bingham has never done anything or been associated with a group which was adverse to the Jewish interest. Levison also agreed to help Bingham at one of the polling places on election day.

It is noted that the "New York Times", May 21, 1964, page 1, column 2, reports that Jonathan Bingham, the Reform candidate/opposing incumbent Congressman Charles A. Buckley of the 23rd Congressional District, Bronx, New York, in the Democratic primary, was charged yesterday, May 20, 1964, with having been associated with the America First Committee. That committee was described by the "Times" as an isolationist group that sought to keep the United States out of World War II. Bingham was reportedly a member in 1941, at a time when it was publicly, openly and notoriously known to be pro-Nazi Germany and anti-Semitic.

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Re: CPUSA, Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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On May 19, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. It was agreed by both men that they would meet on Wednesday, May 20, 1964, at 10:00 p.m. X

In their discussion, they mentioned Rustin (Bayard Rustin), and Clarence Jones said he could not understand how a man of Rustin's experience could be so stupid. Levison replied that he felt Rustin probably read too many of his press clippings. X

Jones asked Levison if he could give him any figures on contributions (to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)). Levison stated that the contributions have been getting worse for some time now, and he said that "when they first started they were getting \$1.00 for every piece of mail (mail sent out in the SCLC mailing program) they were sending out; by December, 1963, they were getting \$.50, and now they are getting \$.33 per piece of mail." X

On May 20, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information that Dora McDonald (Martin Luther King's secretary) contacted Clarence Jones on that date. She stated that King will arrive at Kennedy International Airport on May 22, 1964, at 4:45 p.m. on United Air Lines Flight 806. She inquired if King was to give a speech or a sermon in Connecticut that night, and Jones replied that it will be in the nature of a semi-sermon and that the people in Connecticut requested that King wear clerical garb. Jones told her to assure King that he can say what he likes on Friday.

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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "New York Herald Tribune", issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin

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Re: CPUSA Negro Question  
Communist Influence in Racial Matters  
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admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East coast communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

With respect to King's appearance in Connecticut on May 22, 1964, it is to be noted that King is scheduled to speak before a Jewish group in Westport, Connecticut, on May 22, 1964.

With respect to the reference by Levison and Jones to Bayard Rustin and his experience and press clippings, it is to be noted that a demonstration took place on May 18, 1964, in New York City at City Hall protesting the racial imbalance in New York City Public Schools. Bayard Rustin organized the demonstration which fell far short of the anticipated numerical participation. ~~X~~

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)  
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (100-203) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MORO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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RE Las Vegas teletype to Bureau dated 4/27/64.

Enclosed herewith are seven (7) copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information developed regarding the visit of Rev. Martin Luther King to Las Vegas on 4/26/64. Enclosed for Atlanta are three (3) copies of the letterhead memorandum.

The confidential source utilized in the letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

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- 6 - Bureau  
(2 - 100-3-116) (Encls 7) (RM)  
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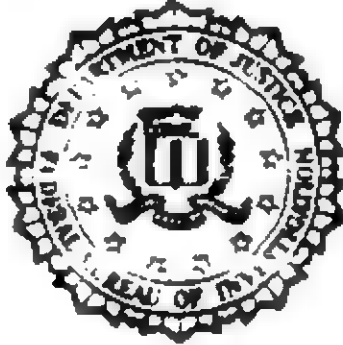
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada  
May 15, 1964

MARTIN LUTHER KING

On April 26, 1964, Reverend Martin Luther King, Mr. Wyatt Walker, and Reverend Mansfield Collins of Los Angeles, California arrived in Las Vegas, Nevada at 2:57 p.m. aboard Western Airlines Flight 24 from Los Angeles, California. The above group was met at the airport by a welcoming committee consisting of approximately 23 persons, among whom were Mrs. Flora Dungen, State Assemblywoman from Las Vegas, and Robert Bailey, a Las Vegas Negro leader.

After a brief press conference held at McCarran Field Airport, Las Vegas, the entire group proceeded via motorcade to the Sands Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, where a suite had been reserved for Reverend King. The Reverends Collins and King stayed in the suite and Mr. Walker registered in room 601 of the Sands Hotel. The party arrived at the Sands Hotel at approximately 3:25 p.m. on April 26, 1964. Shortly after 4:00 p.m., Reverends King and Collins and Mr. Walker proceeded to the Las Vegas Convention Center by automobile under police escort where Reverend King was to be the featured speaker at the Annual Freedom Awards Banquet of the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, (NAACP). This was a \$10.00 a plate banquet and it was attended by approximately 500 persons, according to a confidential source. Those persons in attendance included Governor Grant Sawyer of the State of Nevada, and a number of the Las Vegas city officials. Reverend King was introduced at the banquet by Governor Grant Sawyer.

Reverend King returned to the Sands Hotel at approximately 6:45 p.m. where he remained until 9:00 p.m. when he again left the hotel via automobile under police escort for the Las Vegas Convention Center where he was the principle speaker of a NAACP rally. The rally, according to

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a confidential source, was attended by approximately 1,400 people, mostly Negro. Reverend King was introduced by Mr. Charles Kellar, a controversial Las Vegas resident and Negro leader. Reverend King's address was described by the confidential source as a "logical appeal to non-violent action on the part of Negroes rather than an emotion-pitched demand, which some people in attendance expected".

No incidents of any kind occurred during the visit of Reverend King to Las Vegas.

Prior to Reverend King's arrival in Las Vegas, the Clark County Sheriff's Office received a call from [redacted] of the KKKCP indicating that he had received information which contained a threat that "Reverend King would not leave Las Vegas alive". Consequently, the Clark County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of [redacted] Chief Deputy, instituted complete protection plans for Reverend King. At all times during their stay in Las Vegas, Nevada, Reverend King was under guard by Clark County Sheriff's Office deputies. Deputies of the Sheriff's Office spent the entire night of April 26, 1964 in the suite occupied by Reverends King and Collins. Deputies accompanied King during his entire stay until he and Mr. Wyatt Walker boarded United Air Lines Flight 348 for New York City on the morning of April 27, 1964. b7(c)

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1 - Mr. ... yth  
1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. Ryan

SAC, New York (100-151548)

May 21, 1964  
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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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CIA  
**COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Re Atlanta letter April 14, 1964, copy to New York, which set out an analysis and evaluation of the progress which is being made in the investigation of captioned matter as well as suggestions toward exploring new avenues of investigation. On page nine it was noted that Martin Luther King, Jr., has a personal bank account in New York City but that the name of the bank is unknown.

Reurlet April 23, 1964, copy to Atlanta, which reported that an account in the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), which King heads, had been maintained at the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York City, but such account had been closed on January 16, 1964.

Noting that certain strong factors set out in re Atlanta letter mitigate against any possible audit of King's personal account in an Atlanta, Georgia, bank, the Bureau believes that more than ever it would be most desirable to identify any bank where he may have an account in New York City and, thereafter, consider an audit of such account. New York is, therefore, instructed to give full consideration to a canvass of banks in New York City in an effort to locate any account in King's name. Such inquiry must, of course, be extremely discreet and conducted through only established reliable sources. Such canvass may be undertaken immediately unless you have reasons for not doing so, in which event the matter should be taken up with the Bureau.

1 - Atlanta (100-6520) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)

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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)(100-106670)  
(Immediate Personal Attention  
Assistant Director W. C. SULLIVAN)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-51914A)

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION  
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS  
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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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[REDACTED] b7(D) source of  
this office, while discussing other matters volunteered the information that MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to have a news conference in San Francisco, California, on 5/28/64, and is scheduled to address a major rally at the San Francisco Cow Palace on 5/30/64, in connection with the attempt to repeal the Rumford Fair Housing Act which appears on the California ballot.

b7(D) [REDACTED] stated that publicity for KING is being handled by FRANK CLARKE of Station KDIA-Oakland, 327 - 22nd Avenue, Oakland, California.

If possible, Atlanta advise the Bureau and San Francisco as soon as possible by most expeditious means of Subject's itinerary, hotel where he will stay--if known--and any other plans he may have for activities in San Francisco.

- 5 - Bureau (AM-PM)
- 2 - Atlanta (1 - 100-65200)(AM-PM)  
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- 1 - San Francisco

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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ReATairtel 5-13-64 and enclosed letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date captioned as above as well as "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C." Copies were furnished the recipient offices of instant letter.

For the information of all recipients, page 3 of the LHM has been revised at the Bureau to delete the entire first paragraph. For the future guidance of Atlanta, information such as contained in the indicated paragraph, which is primarily concerning [REDACTED] of King, should not be included in communications for dissemination but only in intra-Bureau correspondence.

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Recipients should take appropriate action relative to copies of the LHM forwarded by Atlanta.

- 1 - Los Angeles (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
- 1 - New York (100-151548) (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
- 1 - Phoenix (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
- 1 - San Diego (PERSONAL ATTENTION)
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TITLE OF CASE <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED] b7(c)</b>	TYPED BY <b>:elt</b>
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## REFERENCES:

Atlanta report of SA [REDACTED] dated **b7(c)** 5/3/63.  
New York report of SA [REDACTED] dated **b7(c)** 7/22/63.

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## LEADS:

### NEW YORK (INFORMATION)

One copy being furnished to New York for information since many of subject's activities take place in that Division.

### ATLANTA

#### AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will continue to follow the activities of the subject through confidential sources.

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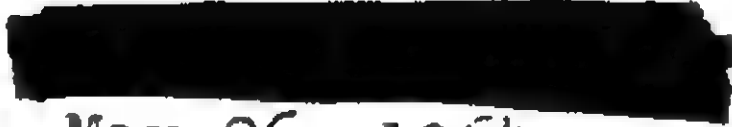
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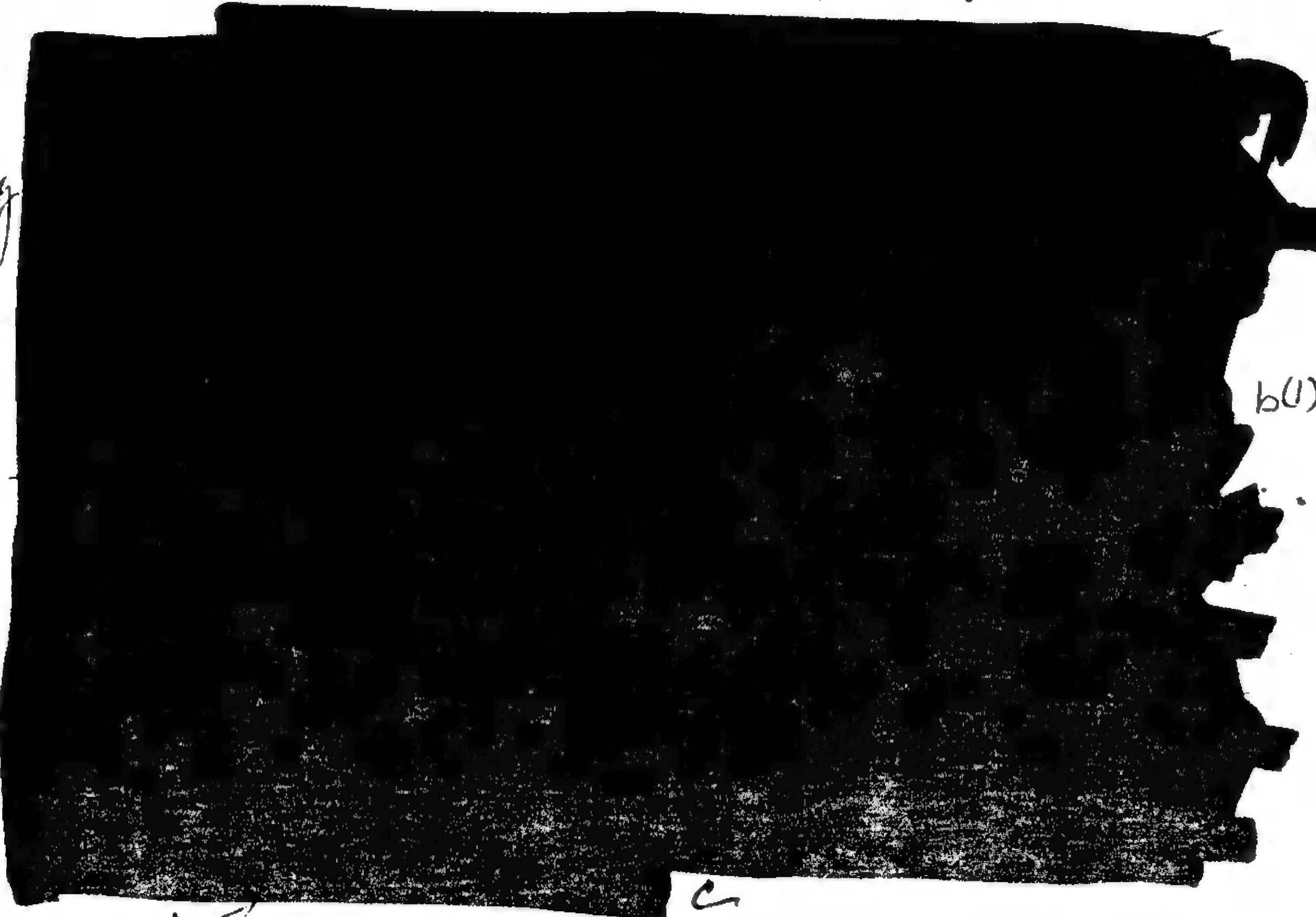
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II. SUBJECT'S ASSOCIATIONS AND INFLUENCES

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The following relates to the most significant influences on the subject. The individuals involved are characterized as follows:

STANLEY LEVISON

STANLEY LEVISON was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA)

CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

HARRY H. WACHTEL

HARRY H. WACHTEL is the Executive Vice President for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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A Characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is included in the Appendix of this report.

BAYARD RUSTIN

The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned, "Thurmond Assails a Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. RUSTIN also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that BAYARD RUSTIN, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-Communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.



A. INTERNAL SECURITY

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The Southern Christian Leadership Conference with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, is believed to lack organization and business finesse. This is attributed partly to a lack of policy and partly to the fact that all officers are preachers who are not skilled in certain areas. Communist infiltration of the organization at a working level was never feared because of the lack of a chain of command. Approval of all activities must be cleared with the subject. If he approves an idea it is adapted. Otherwise, no action will be taken on it.

The thing of concern is the possibility of a person with the wrong background or ulterior motives gaining the confidence of the subject who is believed to be extremely naive in certain areas. One such example of concern is an individual in New York City by the name of STANLEY LEVISON. LEVISON is very close to KING and has KING's confidence. LEVISON is able to get KING alone and give advice to him. This advice is readily accepted by KING. X

The concern about LEVISON stems from his closeness to KING plus LEVISON's close association with HENRIE PIERCE O'DELL, publicly known to be a member of the Communist Party. LEVISON and O'DELL are both closely associated with a third party whose name was recalled later to be HAROLD RUSSEN, who was a well-known Communist in New York City. X

RUSSEN was on the committee to raise funds for Southern Christian Leadership Conference in New York City which at the time was known as the New York Friends of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. It is now an integral part of Southern Christian Leadership Conference but its activities are still confined mostly to the raising of money. O'DELL was on this committee as well as RUSSEN. O'DELL also was head of the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. LEVISON has been acting mostly as a Business Manager and has donated large amounts of money to KING at times when KING's finances happened to be very low. a

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Integration Leader MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., advised that JAMES E. O'DELL, who was linked by Congressional Committees to a Communist Party organization, worked twice for his Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

KING said O'DELL had left Southern Christian Leadership Conference for the second time on June 26, 1963, and is no longer associated with the movement. KING called a news conference to deny a report in the "Atlanta Constitution" newspaper that O'DELL was currently employed by Southern Christian Leadership Conference in any capacity. KING acknowledged that O'DELL "may have had some connections in the past" with Communism but "we were convinced that he had renounced them . . . ."

The "Atlanta Constitution" described O'DELL as Director of the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. A staff employee who answered the telephone in New York told United Press International that O'DELL was still with the office as "administrator" of the New York operation. However, later in the day the same office said he was not connected with the agency and had no knowledge of his whereabouts. (The "Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper, Atlanta, Ga., 7/26/63).

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*copy* On April 15, 1964, the "New York Herald Tribune", a New York City daily newspaper carried a column attributed to JOSEPH ALSOP. In this article ALSOP reported that despite the American Communist Party's "feebleness and disarray" its Agents are beginning to infiltrate certain sectors of the Civil Rights Movement.

ALSOP noted that the subject of the real head-shaking in Washington is MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that KING has accepted, and is almost certainly still accepting, Communist collaboration and even Communist advice.

ALSOP reported that in 1962 to 1963 the issue of the Communist role in the KING organization was raised because of HUMPHREY PITTS O'DELL who had held a post in KING's organization. However, O'DELL was finally dropped when KING was warned by U. S. Government officials that he was the genuine article. Official warnings have again been given to KING about another even more important associate who is known to be a key figure in the covert apparatus of the Communist Party. ALSOP stated that after the warnings, KING broke off his open connection with this man but a second-hand connection nonetheless continues.

("New York Herald Tribune,  
4/15/64)

✓ On April 17, 1964, KING was in contact with CLARENCE JONES regarding the ALSOP article. JONES stated that he had given very serious thought to the problem and said he wanted KING to give some serious consideration to asking for an appointment with BURKE MARSHALL of the Justice Department. JONES said he suggested something like this because he did not feel it would be wise if an impression



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was conveyed that KING not have any reaction to this article and that he did nothing positive about it. JONES said he felt the article was "a kind of warning from the administration" and he thought because of this it may require some affirmative response on KING's part. According to JONES, the purpose of the conference with MARSHALL would be to set the record straight as to the extent of the contacts with the individual (STANLEY LEVISON) about whom there is some concern and the reason for this contact during a limited period of time. KING asked whether JONES had talked to LEVISON about it and JONES said that he had. JONES stated that LEVISON felt very strongly about KING seeing BURKE MARSHALL. JONES said LEVISON felt the situation required some affirmative type response on KING's part so the Department would not feel that KING does not care. X

JONES further stated that he felt because of the history surrounding O'DELL "because there have been conferences with the Justice Department, they had been very concerned and they may be getting a lot of misleading information which causes them to be disturbed about you". JONES said that if there is any question about the extent of KING's association with LEVISON and O'DELL then it can be said that during the transition period while O'DELL's responsibilities were being shifted to ADELE KANTER (an employee of the New York Southern Christian Leadership Conference Office) it was necessary for JONES to see LEVISON and it was necessary for him to come to Atlanta for a period of time. (C) b(1)

On April 19, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON was told by CLARENCE JONES that KING feels it is very important that he, KING, contact the Justice Department. JONES remarked that KING did not initially agree with the position that a failure to respond to the content of the ALSOP article could be deemed politically unwise. JONES advised LEVISON that KING's position was that he did not have to respond to everything that was written. LEVISON replied that KING does not understand how serious this matter is. JONES stated X

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that KING's friends would find it rather inexplicable that he took no affirmative action after the article. LEVISON agreed with this position and indicated that this was an article which challenged KING. According to LEVISON, the article in effect is saying "you are not doing what you said you were, what you promised to do." LEVISON said the answer had to be that there is a misunderstanding, that only a couple of pieces of evidence are being considered and that these are being misinterpreted (X)

LEVISON stated that KING does not like to feel on the defensive and would therefore prefer to ignore the ALSOP article saying he only has to satisfy his own conscience. LEVISON stated that by not answering the article, however, it confirms for the doubtful that he is guilty of all the charges which were made. (X)

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On April 23, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told KING that he spoke to ADELE KANTER of the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference and told her how to conduct herself in her relationship with STANLEY LEVISON. JONES said that he told her not to see LEVISON at all except in the case of an extreme emergency. JONES also remarked that he told KANTER to call him if she felt it was necessary to talk to LEVISON and that he, JONES, would make the final decision in regard to such a contact.

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B. INFLUENCE REGARDING KING'S CONTACTS WITH  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

KING advised CLARENCE JONES on November 30, 1963, that he would meet JONES and HARRY WACHTEL at the Washington, D. C., Airport to discuss what he, KING, would say to President JOHNSON. KING advised JONES that he was meeting with the President at 11:30 a.m. on December 3, 1963. KING said he would fly back to New York City with JONES and WACHTEL.

STANLEY LEVISON on December 6, 1963, told his brother, ROY BENNETT, that he had accidentally met KING in New York City on the day that KING had met with President JOHNSON. LEVISON said he was getting into the taxi cab when KING recognized him. He related that they had a "long minutes discussion" about KING's meeting with the President. LEVISON commented that KING is a poorly read man who probably has not looked in a book in twenty years. LEVISON stated that he had to tell KING to write a letter to President KENNEDY at the time of the Cuban crisis complimenting him for giving orders to his staff not to consider the outcome of the Cuban crisis as an American or allied victory. LEVISON indicated that KING did write this letter.

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A Characterization of Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., is included in the Appendix of this report.

AUBREY WILLIAMS

John Butler of Dallas, Texas, identified in testimony before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on March 19, 1954, at New Orleans, Louisiana, as a former Communist Party member, testified that he was introduced to AUBREY WILLIAMS in 1942 as "Comrade Williams", that he participated with WILLIAMS in a "conference" of communist affairs about one month later, and had heard WILLIAMS mentioned often as a Communist.

Paul Crouch, identified at the same hearing as a former Communist Party organizer, testified that he was introduced to WILLIAMS by Herbert Benjamin, whom he identified as a charter member of the Communist Party as one of the "Chief National Leaders". Crouch further testified that he would not have made statements to WILLIAMS unless "I had been informed that he was a secret member".



C. INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SPEECHES  
AND BOOKS OF THE SUBJECT

On September 23, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON discussed the forthcoming book that is being written by the subject. LEVISON advised that this book dealt with KING's experiences in Birmingham, Alabama, as well as other matters and is being handled in part by CLARENCE JONES. LEVISON is not satisfied with the manner in which JONES has been handling some of the material for the book, and he intends to speak to JONES in this regard. LEVISON has prepared the Forward to this book which will be approximately a page and a half long.

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On September 30, 1963, the subject held a discussion with CLARENCE JONES regarding his book. The subject advised JONES that he wants his book published as soon as possible. JONES remarked that he had checked on the publishing date and the book would not be published until 1964.

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On October 5, 1963, the subject asked the wife of CLARENCE JONES whether CLARENCE and "his friend" could meet with him at the subject's hotel. Later on the same date subject spoke with JONES and they discussed the recordings of subject's speech at the recent "March on Washington". Arrangements were then made between the subject and JONES to meet at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City, on October 5, 1963. The subject asked JONES if "our friend" would be coming with him. JONES said that he would because they wanted to discuss the subject's book with him.

JONES later contacted STANLEY LEVISON and advised him that he had met with the subject and arrangements had been made for all of them to meet. LEVISON agreed to attend the meeting.

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On October 8, 1963, ALICE LEWIS, a business associate of STANLEY LEVISON inquired as to how LEVISON's day with KING had been. LEVISON told LEWIS that it had

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been a good day but added "you know I'm not going to be seeing him, but I have to finish off this book thing that was started". LEVISON said that he did not want to maintain contact and yet it was an obligation that he had taken. LEVISON did not say why he was having no further contact with KING. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

LEVISON on November 18, 1963, was requested by a representative of the publishers of KING's book to talk with KING and CLARENCE JONES about the editing of the book. LEVISON agreed to this adding that JONES does not have enough contact with KING to determine what KING's real complaints and desires are [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

CLARENCE JONES contacted LEVISON on November 19, 1963, and they discussed KING's book. JONES said KING was not satisfied with the editing job which had been done and JONES suggested that he and LEVISON would have to see KING in order to get all of the problems straightened out, even if it meant going to Atlanta, Georgia, to do it. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON planned to meet KING at the International Hotel at Idlewild Airport, New York, on November 20, 1963, at 11:00 a.m. It was indicated that KING would be leaving New York taking a 3:00 p.m. flight to Chicago. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

GA. SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
On November 20, 1963, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed KING and his assistant BERNARD LEE entering the International Hotel, Idlewild Airport, Queens, New York, at 10:43 a.m. LEE, after inquiring about a room in the hotel, registered and was given Room 311. KING and LEE took the elevator to the Third Floor. At 2:40 p.m. on November 20, 1964, Special Agents observed KING departing from the International Hotel in the company of LEVISON and JONES. Outside of the hotel KING and LEE entered one cab and JONES and LEVISON entered another.

On November 20, 1963, JAMES LEVISON told a representative of the publishers of KING's book that he and KING had met with KING and that he, LEVISON, had brought up the questions that had been raised about the book. LEVISON said that KING raised some objections to the questions presented and LEVISON said he would meet with the publisher's representative the next day when he would cover all that was discussed at the meeting with KING. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

On November 22, 1963, JONES and LEVISON discussed the death of President KENNEDY. During this discussion JONES said he would have to contact KING soon in regard to a statement which KING will have to issue. LEVISON advised JONES to make sure to emphasize to KING that this assassination was a result of the political reactions of the "right wing", and that the United States is coming to the point of rule by assassination as in South America. LEVISON told JONES that KING should say President KENNEDY's foreign policy must be carried out. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

On November 23, 1963, JONES contacted KING's secretary, MARI McDONALD. JONES told her that he had a statement which KING wanted to get from him for the "Herald Tribune". JONES said he thinks the title is supposed to be "The Implications for Civil Rights from President KENNEDY's Death", but JONES said that KING could put whatever title he wanted on it. JONES gave the statement to McDONALD which declared the loss of a leader who had the courage to be a friend of Civil Rights. It stated that the murder of the President regardless of the identity of the assassin occurred in a "context" of violence and hatred which have been boiling up in our Nation for the past several years. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

The "New York Herald Tribune" of Sunday, November 24, 1963, contained an article captioned "An Appreciation of Kennedy: Dr. KING and WILKINS on Rights". This article was written in two parts, one by KING and the other by BOY WILKINS of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The article as published in the Tribune by KING was substantially the statement furnished by JONES. [REDACTED]



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On December 5, 1963, BAYARD RUSTIN contacted KING. RUSTIN informed KING that on December 13, 1963, at 8:00 p.m. Senator JOSEPH CLARK and "a couple of other intellectuals" were to speak at a conference in New York on peace, civil rights and labor. RUSTIN said that it was being put on by a "bunch of intellectuals under 'Turn Toward Peace'." RUSTIN said they would like to have KING speak at this affair and told KING that he would get \$500 for himself, not for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, if he would speak. RUSTIN said that the affair on December 13, 1963, would be held at the Carnegie Center in New York City. RUSTIN said they wanted him to speak on the relationships between Civil Rights and peace or on peace as KING sees it. RUSTIN offered to help KING by "jotting down a few things." (u) b(1)

On December 6, 1963, BAYARD RUSTIN mentioned to RACHELLE HOROWITZ that he was trying to raise some money for her. (It is to be noted that HOROWITZ was Transportation Director for the "March on Washington".) RUSTIN said that HOROWITZ was supposed to go to Mississippi to do a job for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). RUSTIN mentioned that he was trying to raise a thousand dollars to pay for HOROWITZ's expenses. RUSTIN mentioned that by having her work down there HOROWITZ can supply him information on the day-to-day operations, which would be impossible to get in any other way. RUSTIN said that HOROWITZ knows the kind of information that he wanted since she helped him write speeches for KING. (u) b(1)

RACHELLE HOROWITZ

RACHELLE HOROWITZ was a member of the New York Unit of the Young Socialist League (YSL) on May 22, 1958. (u) b(1)

A Characterization of the Young Socialist League is included in the Appendix of this report.



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On December 11, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON contacted CLARENCE JONES about KING's forthcoming book and during the course of the conversation LEVISON mentioned there were several chapters which should be revised and several others which require minor changes.

JONES and LEVISON also discussed an appeal letter in connection with the "Jewish Appeal". LEVISON said that he would send WYATT T. WALKER (Executive Director of Southern Christian Leadership Conference) a constructive letter on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference News Letter. JONES said that he would appreciate that.

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HERMINE POPPER was in contact with STANLEY LEVISON on December 18, 1963. She stated that JOAN DAVES had suggested that LEVISON had some ideas to talk about in connection with KING's forthcoming book. She said DAVES felt LEVISON had some intelligent things to say to HERMINE which would be useful before she saw KING. LEVISON agreed and stated that he thought that because "this ground has been gone over a number of times" if he could convey "certain ideas" to HERMINE it would be even more fruitful when she sees KING. HERMINE POPPER and LEVISON then agreed to meet the next day at her home in White Plains, New York, at 240 Rosedale Avenue. (It is believed that the JOAN DAVES is a publisher's representative who had been working on KING's book and that HERMINE POPPER is the person who was taking over the editing for the book from another employee of the publisher.)


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\*KING contacted CLARENCE JONES on December 18, 1963, and suggested that it might be possible for him to meet with JONES and HERMINE POPPER on December 24, 1963, in New York City.

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On December 24, 1963, BERNARD LEE (Field Secretary of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta, Georgia) contacted CLARENCE JONES and indicated that he and KING would

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be staying at Room 1237, Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City. JONES told LEE that he would come to the hotel that morning.

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ANN JONES, the wife of CLARENCE JONES, contacted STANLEY LEVISON on December 24, 1963, and told him that KING was at the Park Sheraton Hotel and that JONES was on his way to meet with KING and HERMINE POPPER.  
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On December 24, 1963, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed CLARENCE JONES entering the Park Sheraton Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 55th Street, New York City, at 11:22 a.m. JONES went to the 12th floor of the hotel and was observed departing from the hotel at 1:55 p.m. on the same date.

On December 26, 1963, LEVISON advised his secretary, TONI HAMILTON, that he did not see KING when he was in New York on December 24, 1964, but indicated that he planned to go to Atlanta to see him. LEVISON mentioned that while in New York KING met with HERMINE POPPER and they discussed the rearrangement of some of the chapters in the book.  
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A representative of the publishers of KING's forthcoming book told STANLEY LEVISON on January 3, 1964, that the book would be on the bookstands by the end of April, 1964, with full publication accomplished by the end of May. LEVISON and the representative discussed getting a suitable picture of KING for the cover of the book. The publishers representative asked LEVISON for ideas on obtaining illustrations for the book and LEVISON suggested WYATT WALKER as such a source. (S)

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KING contacted CLARENCE JONES on January 4, 1964. JONES told KING he had learned that the derogatory information in the "Time" magazine article came from a book "The Negro Revolt" by LOUIS LOMAX. JONES stated that LOMAX is a "totally dishonest man". KING asked what LEVISON thought of the article and JONES replied he thinks "we are lucky 'Time' magazine didn't go into the Communist issue or the financial issue." KING told JONES to arrange for a major magazine like "Life", "Look", or the "Saturday Evening Post" to do an article in depth on him as the President.

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of Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. KING also instructed JONES to arrange a National Network television program concerning him, KING, to be moderated by someone like HOWARD K. SMITH of the American Broadcasting Company. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

HERMINE POPPER contacted STANLEY LEVISON on January 27, 1964, with regard to the editing of KING's book. They discussed this book with respect to KING's handling of President JOHNSON and LEVISON commented that KING is hesitant to praise JOHNSON too much because he is not sure of JOHNSON's final position on Civil Rights. [REDACTED]

POPPER discussed several items which appeared on a letter of KING written while he was in jail in Birmingham, Alabama, which had not actually occurred at the time. LEVISON stated that KING later edited this letter and inserted the additional material. LEVISON advised POPPER to include the material but to be very general; for example, in the part about police dogs attacking six unarmed Negro children, she should omit the six and put in the rest of it. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

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On January 29, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON told CLARENCE JONES that since the school boycott may fail because of lack of interest, BAYARD RUSTIN should contact KING and suggest that KING cut tapes to be played every half hour on New York City radio station "beamed to Negroes" suggesting they boycott the schools. JONES thought this was a great idea and LEVISON said he would arrange for the financing of this. LEVISON said if KING does not have time to cut these tapes BAYARD should do it. LEVISON stated that this radio technique has worked in the past and should work now. (This conversation apparently concerned plans for the recent boycott of New York City public schools.) [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

On February 1, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told KING he would give KING the money to pay HERMINE POPPER for the editing of KING's book. JONES and KING discussed the last



chapter of the book and they agreed that this chapter deals with equating Negro preferential treatment in employment with poor white people of the South and the poor people all over the Nation. KING said he thought the whole book would have to be changed if they included the chapter but JONES said he and LEVISON had discussed this thoroughly and they felt the book would not have to be changed. KING said he did not see how he could say through the entire book that Negroes should have preferential treatment and then in the last chapter say this treatment should be extended to all underprivileged and not just to the Negroes. JONES advised KING that their main purpose was to link preferential treatment with the struggle against poverty.

KING mentioned to JONES the treatment of President JOHNSON which is given in the book and JONES advised that LEVISON said HERMINE POPPER felt KING should give his personal views of JOHNSON. JONES said this is particularly appropriate since the book will come out before the election.

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On January 31, 1964, a representative of the publishers of KING's book contacted STANLEY LEVISON. They discussed having LEVISON review the edited portions of KING's book which thus far was about six chapters or about 116 pages. The representative said there were still two chapters to be finished and that the book would be out in early June. LEVISON and the publishers representative agreed that the book was turning into something timely and important.

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On February 6, 1964, KING congratulated RAYARD RUSTIN on the boycott (boycott of the New York City public school) but said that he thought it was the greatest "fizzle" he had ever seen. In response to KING's question about having another boycott, RUSTIN said he hoped there would not be another one. KING said that he had to go on television for an interview and would need some information. KING asked RUSTIN as to exactly what Reverend MARTIN A. GALAMISON really wanted. (GALAMISON was the leader of the school boycott). RUSTIN replied that this was one of the

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weaknesses which would have to be worked out and advised KING to stay away from that question. They then discussed the "Princeton plan" for integrated schools and RUSTIN told KING he believes that is what their goal is. KING and RUSTIN discussed the New York school question at great length, after which KING suggested they meet on February 7, 1964, at 12:30 p.m. at the Park Sheraton Hotel, New York City. KING said that he wanted CLARENCE JONES also to come to this meeting.

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On February 6, 1964, LEVISON was in contact with JOAN DAVES, a representative of the publishers of KING's forthcoming book. They agreed that the editing job done by HERMINE POPPER was good on the "Birmingham chapters". LEVISON said that he had noted a few errors and was going to ask his secretary to type them before he gives them to DAVES. LEVISON told DAVES that he was seeing CLARENCE JONES the next day and asked if he could hold the material in order to give JONES an opportunity to look at it.

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On February 15, 1964, LEVISON told JONES it would be important for him to get in touch with KING regarding an article coming out in "The Nation" concerning the boycott of New York City public schools.

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On February 16, 1964, JONES asked KING if he had received the article for "The Nation" concerning the Senate filibuster. JONES said "they" wanted KING to mail the article immediately "so it would be timely" and so they would be able to obtain "The Nation's" mailing list in exchange for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference mailing list.

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On February 17, 1964, LEVISON asked JONES about the submission of KING's article to "The Nation". Later on the same date LEVISON contacted a representative of "The Nation" and informed him that he, LEVISON, would have KING's article by the end of the week.

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On February 18, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON told CLARENCE JONES that he had spoken to JOAN DAVES and she was disturbed about the article KING was writing for "The Nation", because it is similar to the last chapter in KING's forthcoming book which is to be published by JOAN DAVES' employer. LEVISON told JONES to contact KING's secretary and have her send some copies of the article to him, LEVISON, in order that he can go over the article with DAVES. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

On February 18, 1964, JOAN DAVES contacted STANLEY LEVISON and advised him that if "The Nation" article deals with the "same problems" as the book, then she will not be able to sell the advanced material on the book to the magazines such as "Life" or "Saturday Evening Post" where she hoped to get \$5,000. LEVISON promised to get her a copy of KING's article in order that she could change it if she thinks it should be changed. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

On February 19, 1964, LEVISON told JONES that he was going to the office of JOAN DAVES to show her the original draft of KING's article which was to appear in "The Nation." LEVISON asked JONES whether it would be proper to change the article if JOAN DAVES wanted it changed and JONES said he thought it would be all right. [REDACTED] (C) b(1)

On February 26, 1964, CLARENCE JONES was contacted by KING. JONES stated that JOAN DAVES was concerned about some of the material contained in KING's article because she felt the publisher of the book and "Life" magazine might feel that the material was not new enough if it appeared in "The Nation" first. KING replied that he had already sent the article to "The Nation" and that he had only made some minor changes from the way JONES and LEVISON had it.

- JONES advised KING that he had a substitute article ready to submit in place of the first one. KING said that the last chapter of the book was going to be in "Life" magazine and he did not see any problem because "The Nation"

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article did not deal with the subject of the last chapter. JONES told KING the problem was that DAVES thought the article for "The Nation" was so good that it should be included as the last chapter of the book. KING told JONES to call "The Nation" and tell them to hold up publication of the article so that JONES' substitute article could be submitted in its place.

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D. INFLUENCES ON THE SUBJECT REGARDING FINANCES

On October 3, 1963, CLARENCE JONES discussed with SAUL MILLS the ticket sales for a benefit to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City. MILLS said that KING would be accompanied by Reverend BERNARD LEE (Field Secretary of Southern Christian Leadership Conference) and that KING would be staying at the Park Sheraton Hotel while he is in New York City. MILLS stated that the Gandhi Society for Human Rights would pay for KING's first class, round trip jet fare.

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RALPH ABERNATHY

On March 31, 1964, KING and RALPH ABERNATHY (Treasurer of Southern Christian Leadership Conference) contacted CLARENCE JONES. KING advised JONES that financially Southern Christian Leadership Conference "is really up against it as it takes \$50,000 a month to run the SCLC". KING said that the organization is just about broke. JONES asked KING if Southern Christian Leadership Conference had obtained the money from RODMAN ROCKEFELLER (the son of Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER) and KING indicated the Southern Christian Leadership Conference had not received the money which it was to receive as a result of KING's appearance on February 29, 1964, at a luncheon given by the Urban League of West Chester, New York. KING also wanted to know when Southern Christian Leadership Conference would receive \$2500 from the Gandhi Society and JONES replied that he would send the money out as soon as he could get some funds from HARRY WACHTEL and "other people." JONES told KING that he would have the \$2500 for Southern Christian Leadership Conference by the following Friday. KING urged JONES to have the Gandhi Society send the \$2500 because "we are about to go out of business."

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KING also mentioned to JONES that some man (unknown to the source) in Hartford, Connecticut, had donated 12 automobiles to Southern Christian Leadership Conference and he wanted to know if it was necessary to insure and register these cars. KING asked JONES if he knew someone who would donate the price of the insurance and registration to Southern Christian Leadership Conference. JONES replied that he was sure he could contact someone and stated he might even try some insurance company such as Aetna to donate the insurance and license plates for the cars.

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On April 1, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON was advised by ADELE KANTER (an employee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, New York Office) that she has received a bill from a printer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference mailing program for approximately \$3,000 and that \$1,224 of the bill has been on the books since November. She stated the printer was getting anxious for payment. She stated that approximately \$1,000 had been received as the result of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference mailing program for contributions. LEVISON indicated that he was pleased with this and said it was his guess that when all the contributions were in Southern Christian Leadership Conference would get about \$25,000.

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**E. INFLUENCES ON SUBJECT REGARDING THE OPERATION  
OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

On September 17, 1963, KING and CLARENCE JONES held a discussion regarding the manner in which Southern Christian Leadership Conference could dramatize the bombing incident which occurred September 15, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama. (This refers to the bombing of a Negro church in Birmingham where several Negro children were killed). JONES suggested to KING that KING and other civil rights leaders should issue a call to the Negro population of the Nation for a work stoppage for a period of silence at the time of the funerals for the bombing victims.

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On January 4, 1964, KING contacted JONES. KING said that he was going to bring the financial report of Southern Christian Leadership Conference to a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 1964, and indicated that this may help straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter of Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

On January 9, 1964, CLARENCE JONES said that it had been decided there would be a complete revamping of the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He mentioned it had been decided that the New York Office would be closed at its present location and move to Midtown, Manhattan.

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On January 18, 1964, CORDY T. VIVIAN (Director of Affiliates of Southern Christian Leadership Conference) said he was going to be at Black Mountain, North Carolina, until January 22, 1964.

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CORDY T. VIVIAN 


In 1947, C. T. VIVIAN was a member of the Community S of the Communist Party in Peoria, Illinois. As of June, 1 C.T. VIVIAN had not been active in Communist Party affairs in the Peoria area for some time and he had not been in the area for a long period of time.

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On January 23, 1964, CLARENCE JONES advised that he had just returned from conference with KING and that at this conference they had discussed the accomplishments (in the Civil Rights Movement) for 1963 and the program for 1964. JONES also mentioned that at this conference KING had given him the job of reorganizing the New York Chapter of Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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On January 23, 1964, BAYARD RUSTIN advised that the March on Washington Office was being closed on January 24, 1964, and that he had been offered two jobs; one as project secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which he planned to reject and the other as Special Assistant to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., which he planned to accept. RUSTIN indicated that he would have an office in New York and that he would serve as liaison with labor and white church groups and would be in charge of direct action projects.

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On January 23, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON told his Secretary, TONI HAMILTON, that ADELE KANTER was going to work for Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



LEVISON on the same date, contacted ADELE KANTER and told her that CLARENCE JONES had "cleared everything". LEVISON indicated to ADELE that she would start her employment after they get together with JACK O'DELL. LEVISON said he would let her know where to report for work and would mail her a form for the withholding tax.

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On January 29, 1964, LEVISON told CLARENCE JONES that ADELE KANTER starts to work with Southern Christian Leadership Conference on February 3, 1964, and that he and O'DELL would get together with her to explain her duties. JONES stated that RUTH BAILEY, an employee of the New York Office of SCLC would be given the opportunity to stay with SCLC but in a different position. [REDACTED] c/ b(1)

On February 1, 1964, KING asked CLARENCE JONES if he had talked to anyone, or had given any more thought to, BAYARD RUSTIN (for possibility of being employed with Southern Christian Leadership Conference). JONES indicated that he had talked with a couple of people, one of them being STANLEY LEVISON. JONES said that he told RUSTIN he wanted him to speak to KING about this. KING told JONES that RUSTIN had called him the previous night and asked about the situation. KING told RUSTIN that he would have JONES contact him. [REDACTED] c/ b(1)

On February 2, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told HARRY WACHTEL that "they" must discuss the problem of BAYARD RUSTIN's position in Southern Christian Leadership Conference because there was a desire on the part of KING to have a close association with RUSTIN. JONES said that he feels they must decide as to whether RUSTIN should become "an integral part of Southern Christian Leadership Conference or whether he should be permitted to go his own intellectual way." WACHTEL said he felt that RUSTIN was needed in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and that it would be a good idea to have him as a leader of the "Northern Branch of Southern Christian Leadership Conference." WACHTEL indicated that he would try to see KING on February 7, 1964. [REDACTED] c/ b(1)

On February 1, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told LEVISON that he had sent all of the material on ADELE KANTER to KING. [REDACTED]

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He also stated that KING was upset because the Southern Christian Leadership Conference mailing list was "all fouled up". LEVISON said that he had been trying to get O'DELL to help KANTER to "get the loose ends straightened out."

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On February 8, 1964, BAYARD RUSTIN advised that with regard to the meeting with KING that everything was almost settled and he was going to work on the 15th of March.

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On February 10, 1964, HARRY WACHTEL was advised by CLARENCE JONES that BAYARD RUSTIN was going to be the "Northern Representative" for Dr. KING. JONES said that everything had been worked out including salary and pay scale raises. According to JONES, KING felt that RUSTIN would be a "shot in the arm" for Southern Christian Leadership Conference



On February 25, 1964, CLARENCE JONES advised STANLEY LEVISON that he would attempt to contact KING on the following day. LEVISON asked JONES to remind KING that ADELE KANTER had already been hired by the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference and had been working hard. LEVISON said this should be done so that KING would not look upon KANTER as an applicant (apparently referring to the forthcoming trip that LEVISON and KANTER planned to take to Atlanta to meet with KING). [REDACTED] (c) (b1)

On February 27, 1964, CLARENCE JONES was advised by KING that KING was of the opinion that it would be advantageous to bring RUSTIN into Southern Christian Leadership Conference. KING mentioned in regard to RUSTIN, he felt the assets of having him were so great that the liabilities may not matter. KING said that he had discussed the matter with HARRY WACHTEL and that it was decided to have another talk with RUSTIN. KING also mentioned that since they had last talked there was a report of identification with some Committee for Cuba, (possibly referring to Fair Play for Cuba Committee). JONES stated that if RUSTIN came into the Southern Christian Leadership Conference the question would be to what extent his association would be under "controlled conditions". JONES indicated they should have an opportunity "to re-confirm" that bringing RUSTIN in was the correct thing to do. KING stated that he would attempt to work out a time for a discussion. KING told JONES that WACHTEL feels that RUSTIN has a great talent. [REDACTED] (c) (b1)

On February 28, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON told CLARENCE JONES they must, without fail, talk to KING on February 29, 1964, and discuss the problem of the filibuster (~~U. S. Senate debate on the Civil Rights legislation~~) and get the all important question of BAYARD RUSTIN handled. LEVISON stated X

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that it must be emphasized to KING that the fact he might raise \$25,000 from the ROCKEFELLERS was not as important as the fact that KING must take a stand on the filibuster in the Senate. LEVISON also stated that it was possible that both the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and influence of KING might be "second rate" in a short time "unless we can get to KING." LEVISON and JONES agreed to meet with KING at the Sheraton Atlantic Hotel between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on February 29, 1964. [REDACTED] (c) b(1)

A Characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee is included in the Appendix of this report.

On February 29, 1964, STANLEY LEVISON told an unknown individual that BAYARD RUSTIN was scheduled to become the Northern Coordinator for Southern Christian Leadership Conference on March 15, 1964. He added, however, that this might not materialize and that he had recently conferred with KING, at which time KING indicated that his mail had not favored his association with BAYARD RUSTIN. LEVISON said he was of the opinion that KING should "lean a little to the left" since Red China would be admitted to the United Nations.

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next year. He said that then KING might be able to furnish the State Department with valuable information. (c) b(1)

On March 2, 1964, LEVISON was questioned by JONES as to whether he and ADELE KANTER were ready to go to Atlanta March 9, 1964, and LEVISON replied that they were ready. (c) b(1)

LEVISON asked if JONES had heard from RUSTIN and JONES replied that he had not. LEVISON remarked that it would appear that RUSTIN was avoiding them. LEVISON and JONES agreed that after the discussion which took place with KING on the previous Saturday "the weight is still on the side of taking FAYARD." (c) b(1)

On March 9, 1964, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed LEVISON with ED CLAYTON and two unknown Negro females leave the Southern Christian Leadership Conference offices at 1:46 p.m. and walk to Beamons Restaurant at 233 Auburn Avenue, N.E., and were observed to return to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference offices at 2:36 p.m.

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STANLEY LEVISON advised CLARENCE JONES on March 11, 1964, he had spoken with KING with regard to BAYARD RUSTIN and he mentioned that a conclusion had been reached. JONES mentioned that WYATT WALKER (Executive Director of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta) had informed him that he, WALKER, was going to be Director of the New York Office of Southern Christian Leadership Conference and that WALKER was concerned that he could not be director if RUSTIN was the Northern Coordinator. According to JONES, WALKER claimed that this was the reason that the decision to hire RUSTIN was to be vetoed. LEVISON said that he agreed with KING that he was not wise to take RUSTIN on at a time when there would be a Civil Rights filibuster in the U. S. Senate; but he said there was no question that RUSTIN should be hired after the filibuster. LEVISON said he made the ~~X~~

point with KING that RUSTIN should be paid at once inasmuch as it would not be right to have him committed to a job and expect him to fend for himself for a period of perhaps two months. He stated that KING agreed with his position. LEVISON also said that he made this point not only because he felt that it was proper but because he also "wanted it pinned down." ~~★~~

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On March 14, 1964, CLARENCE JONES stated that after the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting held in North Carolina, KING had a meeting with BAYARD RUSTIN and the possibility of RUSTIN joining the Southern Christian Leadership Conference staff was discussed. JONES stated that RUSTIN has only contacted him once since that time and now does not seem to be interested. JONES felt the reason that RUSTIN was no longer interested was because he wants to be directly responsible to KING and no one else.

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On March 16, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told LEVISON that he had heard that RUSTIN had received a \$1,000 grant from the Urban League. JONES said he was not sure of the exact nature of the grant but it had something to do with civil rights and poverty. LEVISON told JONES he was certain that TOM KAHN, whom he described as a young Socialist living with RUSTIN, had put ideas in RUSTIN's head. LEVISON suggested this could be the reason that RUSTIN could not work with "us". Both LEVISON and JONES agreed that RUSTIN is being arrogant by his action of not contacting them. LEVISON stated RUSTIN has a grievance now against KING and him (LEVISON) because he feels they let him down. ~~★~~

THOMAS DAVID KAHN

THOMAS DAVIS KAHN admitted being a member of the Young Socialist League (YSL) from 1955 to 1957, and a member of the Young People's Socialist League (YPSL) from 1957 to 1961, and a member of the National Executive Committee of the YPSL during the same period.

Characterization of the YSL is included in the Appendix of this report.

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On March 31, 1964, CLARENCE JONES told KING that he had been looking for Southern Christian Leadership Conference office space and suggested the possibility that office space might be donated in Harlem by the "right people". KING said it might be better to keep the Southern Christian Leadership Conference offices in Harlem and he said that he would accept office space if it was donated by District 65 (Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO, New York City). JONES mentioned that District 65 is right in the heart of the "union district". KING stated that "we" should keep close to the labor union and he asked JONES to see whether he could set it up with "our man" (STAN LEVISON). (X)

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**F. MISCELLANEOUS**

KING and his family on August 7, 1963, were visiting in New York City for approximately ten days. They resided for at least part of this time at the home of CLARENCE JONES, 5505 Independence Avenue, Riverdale, New York.

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On August 28, 1963, STANLEY LEVISON in commenting on the March on Washington singled out KING as the "man of the hour" for everybody. LEVISON stated it was marvelous the way KING handled the white and Negro question in his speech, completely repudiating the nonsense of ADAM CLAYTON POWELL and the NOI. LEVISON said KING measures up to his introduction as the "moral leader of America."

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On November 26, 1963, CLARENCE JONES said that he thinks a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Gandhi Society on Human Rights would be held on December 20, 1963. He said the meeting would be at the home of HARRY WACHTEL and would start at 8:00 p.m.

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WILLIAM KUNSTLER on December 4, 1963, contacted CLARENCE JONES and stated that he would be at the meeting on December 10, 1963, but would be a little late. JONES told KUNSTLER to make every effort to be there because MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was making a special trip from Atlanta in order to be there.

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WILLIAM KUNSTLER

A rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM KUNSTLER spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. KUNSTLER called for the abolition of the HCUA.

WILLIAM KUNSTLER had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

WILLIAM KUNSTLER is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights.

A Characterization of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee is included in the Appendix of this report.

CLARENCE JONES on January 24, 1964, contacted JACK GREENBERG, who is an attorney with National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund. JONES told GREENBERG that he and HARRY WACHTEL had an extensive talk with KING and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Board. A formal vote was taken by Southern Christian Leadership Conference authorizing JONES and WACHTEL to work out a formal working relationship between SCLC and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund. JONES said the relationship will be with legal matters in which the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is interested.

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JONES contacted CLEVELAND ROBINSON, who holds an Executive position with District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO on January 24, 1964. JONES told ROBINSON that KING had delegated him to discuss with ROBINSON "the labor advisory situation and also the problem of BAYARD (RUSTIN)." JONES said that KING had also asked him to discuss these two problems with STANLEY LEVISON. ROBINSON and JONES agreed to discuss these matters on January 31, 1964, at 2:00 p.m.

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III. GENERAL MATTERS

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It is noted that "The Worker" in its issue of November 10, 1963, contained an article datelined at Detroit which stated that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had endorsed a meeting schedule from November 8 to 10, 1963, where Negro leaders from 15 Northern cities were to establish a Northern Christian Leadership Conference.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

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[REDACTED] stated that he saw DAVIS in Atlanta the previous week. [REDACTED] said that DAVIS was visiting with old friends, one of whom was MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. [REDACTED] pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. [REDACTED] said that he believed DAVIS' only reason for coming to Atlanta was to visit his parents' graves and to visit with old friends.

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A review of the first quarter edition, 1964, of "Freedomways" shows two pictures of a "Southwide Conference of Voter Registration Specialists in Atlanta, Georgia". Both pictures showed KING and HUNTER PITTS O'DELL seated together at the center of the conference table. The date and place of these pictures were not set forth.

A Characterization of "Freedomways" is included in the Appendix of this report.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full-page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba", placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the afore-mentioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the fall of 1962 and was filled by VINCENT "TED" LEE, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed LEE has

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FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by James Jackson, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organization and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists."

"(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part I, October 3, 1961, p. 5)"

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NY YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH  
HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

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On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP Club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot", a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on May 27, 1963, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, rank and file CP members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated that the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On May 27, 1963, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed communist principles.

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The second source also advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

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"THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, reviewed and published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild:"

1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149).
2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950).
3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the\*\*\*National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91).

YOUNG SOCIALIST LEAGUE (YSL)

The March 1, 1954, issue of the "Young Socialist Challenge," published as page three of "Labor Action," an official publication of the Independent Socialist League (ISL), contained an article concerning the creation of the YSL, which pointed out that at a unity conference occurring February 12-14, 1954, at Labor Action Hall, New York, New York, a merger occurred between the Young Peoples Socialist League (YPSL) and the Socialist Youth League (SYL). The new organization was named the YSL.

A Confidential Informant on June 15, 1954, made available the minutes of the YSL's National Action Committee meeting of April 13, 1954, which reflected that one S. SITEMAN, "Chairman of SP (Socialist Party) Youth Committee," had objected to a statement appearing in "Commerce," a New York University journal, which indicated that the YPSL merged with the SYL to form the YSL. He explained that the YPSL did not merge with anyone, that it continued to exist as the youth section of the Socialist Party. He explained that a small group of the YPSL was dropped, expelled, or suspended from that organization and joined the SYL, which he characterized as the youth group of the "Trotskyite ISL." He explained that after these few former members of the YPSL joined the SYL, the SYL then proceeded to change its name for its own purposes.

On April 9, 1956, another confidential informant advised as follows:

The YSL has frequently worked in close sympathetic cooperation with the ISL toward similar objectives, although each major issue given mutual consideration is decided upon by these organizations individually. The YSL serves as an apprenticeship for the ISL, but ISL selection of members from YSL ranks is made on an individual and personal basis. In many instances YSL members are also members of the ISL. The YSL and ISL utilize the same printing house in New York City and the YSL publication is printed as an insert in "Labor Action." Frequently, lecturers before the YSL are ISL members.

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The September 22, 1958, issue of "Young Socialist Challenge," which appeared as page five of "Labor Action," contained an undated statement from the National Action Committee of the YSL which indicated that the YSL had been dissolved. The statement appeared under the caption "Join the Young Peoples Socialist League."

The YPSL is publicly known as the youth affiliate of the Socialist Party - Social Democratic Federation.

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DATE: 5/19/64

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Tampa airtel dated 5/11/64.

Atlanta sources have no information regarding a proposed trip by subject to Orlando, Florida.

The Bureau and interested offices will be advised promptly of all of subject's proposed travels.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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